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## Producers may reduce oil output to prevent stockpiling

WAIT, June 2 (Agencies) — Oil producing countries may hold down their output closely to prevent major consuming nations, particularly the United States, building up stockpiles, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries said today.

Oil exporting nations cannot be sure if this leads to a rise in oil prices, the OPEC said in an editorial in its monthly bulletin.

Americans are building up huge stockpiles thus preventing producer nations from stringently controlling prices. This is upping rates on the spot market, the bulletin said. Advised producers "to trim output to consumption needs" so that the United States can be stopped from undue oiling. It added that the big stocks will have powerful means of pressure that could get the vital interests of the oil states. OPEC journal said, "You cannot tell the producers if they are obliged to sell their oil once again." To protect prices against American policies. OPEC said the resumption of U.S. purchases of crude oil to meet America's 1 billion barrel stockpile aim has created a cozy inside and outside America.

## Concorde gets second chance for flyover

By Nigel Harvey

DAH, June 2 — British Airways' Concorde will again fly at supersonic speeds over the Kingdom on its way from London to Jeddah on a new trial route, airline officials said today.

The four-week trial starting Wednesday, will save 40 minutes off the five-hour flight since the Kingdom withdrew sonic overflight permission after an ear-splitting last month.

The new route, like the last, will take the French Concorde over Egypt down the Red Sea to cross the Kingdom north of Jeddah and passing north of Hail before heading south to Bahrain, decelerating to subsonic speeds.

It was approved on Monday. The new route, like the last, however, will be subject to the condition that no sonic boom be heard by permanent residents of the Kingdom and no sonic boom be heard by the Ministry of Defence and Aviation.

PCA received several such complaints during the last trial which is why it withdrew sonic overflight permission at the end of the week period. British Airways officials in Jeddah said.

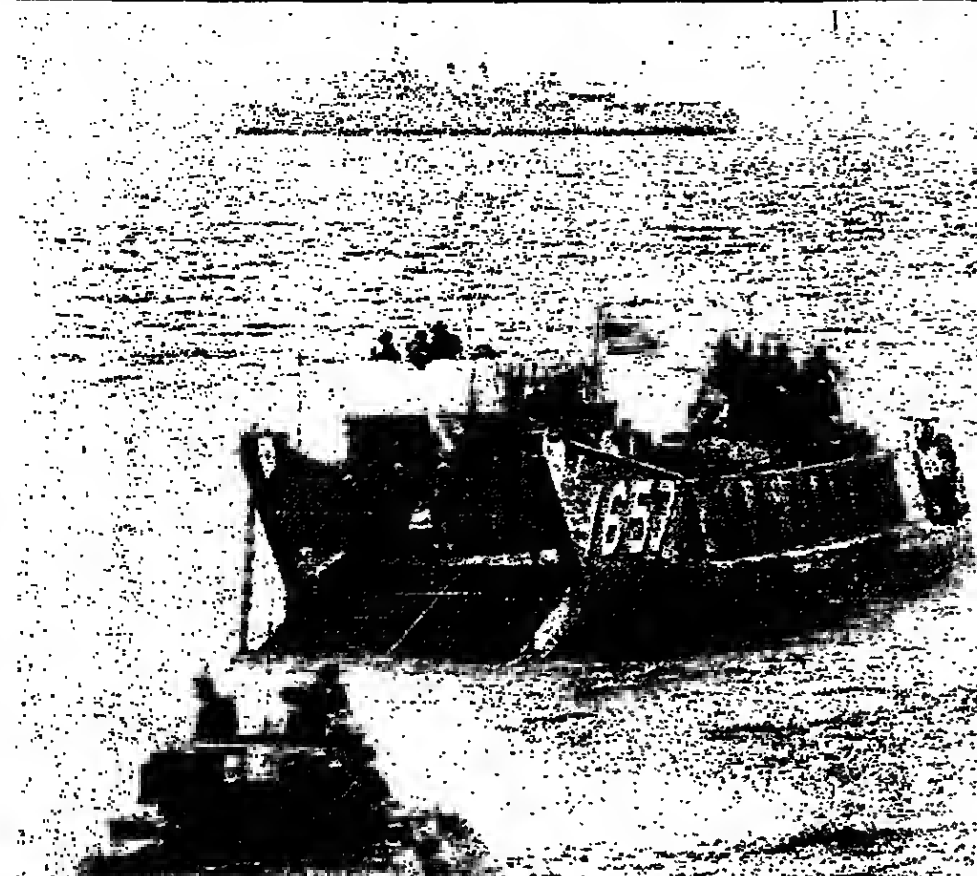
For British Airways officials in London on Monday erroneously linked Saudi Arabia's refusal of overflight permission to the screening of the consular TV drama documentary, Death of a King.

## Ban on fuel price up

BEIRUT, June 2 (R) — The Lebanese government raised the price of gasoline today by 37.5 per cent, from 16 to 22 Lebanese pounds (\$4.70 to \$6.47) per 20 liters. The move was prompted by the crude oil increases on the world market and trucks were excluded from the ban.

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NATO EXERCISES: American marines launch a tank from an amphibious vehicle during NATO's recent "Dawn Patrol 80" exercises off the southern coast of Sardinia.

## Joint plans raised to 20

KUWAIT, June 2 (SPA) — Industry and Electricity Minister Dr. Ghazi Al-Ghazali said Monday the Saudi-Kuwaiti Joint Committee for Industrial Coordination has expanded its discussions from 12 items to 20 joint industrial projects costing \$2.5 billion.

The committee, co-chaired by Al-Ghazali and Kuwaiti Minister of Commerce and Industry Abdul Wahab Al-Nafessi ended the first day of a three-day series of meetings Sunday by signing an agreement of understanding. Al-Ghazali said discussions Sunday covered construction plans for a tire factory and studies for an electric bulb plant, sheet glass factory and silicon production facilities.

Al-Ghazali told the Kuwait newspaper Al-Sayassat the meetings are progressing successfully and the region is headed for great strides in industry. The committee was formed in 1978 by Saudi Arabia and Kuwait to promote industrial integration between the Arabian

peninsula's two economic giants.

Saudi Arabia has vigorously pursued agreements made at the May conference of peninsula planning ministers in Doha, Qatar. The ministers called for increased economic integration and joint development of industry and manpower training. Al-Ghazali stopped over in Bahrain last week, signing an agreement with Kuwait and Bahrain for joint ownership of an SR630 million company to produce petrochemicals. He told reporters after the signing ceremony the agreement represented "a turning point in the history of economic integration in the Gulf."

Nazer Leaves for Iraq  
Meanwhile, Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer left Riyadh Monday for Baghdad, Iraq to attend a special seminar for Gulf and Arabian peninsula planning and development ministers. He was seen off by Dr. Faisal Bashir, deputy planning minister and other ministry officials.



MAKING A CONQUEST: A squirrel's life is not all that it's cracked up to be. You don't get anything for nothing. In this photo, a squirrel is shown with a small sample of the puns and variations that issue forth from writer's pens. Above is just a small sample of the puns and variations that issue forth from writer's pens. Above is just a small sample of the puns and variations that issue forth from writer's pens. Above is just a small sample of the puns and variations that issue forth from writer's pens.

## Oman to help duplicate Sinbad trip

OMAN, June 2 World Press Review — The Sultan of Oman Qabus bin Said is sponsoring a 6,000-mile voyage by Tim Severin, a thirty-nine-year-old English sailor-adventurer, to duplicate the legendary journeys of Sinbad the Sailor, reports Vicky Wong in the independent South China Morning Post of Hong Kong.

The Sultan is paying for Severin's eighty-foot wooden boat, which is being lashed together with coconut rope.

Severin expects to sail in November from Oman to Hong Kong. If permission is granted, he and his crew of fifteen, half of them Omanis, will then sail to China.

According to Wong, the show, a replica of an ancient Arab trading vessel, will fly the flag of Oman. The Gulf State was renowned in the eighth and ninth centuries for long-distance Arab seafarers.



Sultan Qabus

## Bombs hit two mayors

### Israelis plot for murder, PLO says

RAMALLAH, Occupied West Bank June 2 (Agencies) — Two leading West Bank Palestinians were seriously wounded in car bombings Monday and seven other Arabs were hurt when a hand grenade was thrown into a crowded main square in Hebron.

Ramallah Mayor Kerim Khalaf's blue Cadillac was left a twisted mass of metal and wire, the driver's seat blown away.

Nablus Mayor Bassam Shaka had both his legs amputated, his attorney Felicia Langer told the Associated Press from the Nablus hospital. Shaka's car exploded when he started it outside his home to go to his office, Mrs. Langer said.

Khalaf lost part of his left foot and suffered other injuries, a Ramallah hospital spokesman said.

A bomb also was found in a garage owned by Ibrahim Tawil, the mayor of Ramallah's twin city, el Bireh, and a police demolition expert was wounded when the bomb exploded while he was examining it.

Saad Khalaf, a young woman cousin of the Ramallah mayor, said Khalaf had been parking his car in her home's driveway for several weeks to avoid damage after some of Khalaf's followers smashed windows last month.

After a bomb blast, she said, family members rushed to windows and saw the smoking wreckage with Khalaf inside.

"He was screaming inside the car for some one to help him, to take him to the hospital," she said. A housepainter was the first to reach him, and soon after the mayor was pulled out, the gas tank exploded and the car engulfed in flames.

Khalaf, Shaka and Tawil are leading spokesmen for Palestinian West Bankers, though they have been forbidden from speaking to journalists during the firm crackdown in the occupied territory following the slaying of settlers in Hebron.

Langer said she had gone to Nablus Monday morning to meet Shaka, whose wife Anaya was arrested last week during a sit-in to protest the Israeli sealing of three homes in the city, 30 miles north of Jerusalem. Mrs. Langer, an Israeli Communist who often defends Palestinian nationalists.

"I am very distressed," Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij told the Associated Press. "This was obviously organized by professionals." Freij said he felt personally threatened, but while he spoke from his office Israeli troops were checking the area for explosives.

The U.S. Embassy spokesman in Tel Aviv issued a statement condemning the bombing as "cowardly acts" that are "repugnant to civilized people and must be condemned." The bombings are "another example of the tragic cycle of violence and counter-violence in the West Bank and elsewhere in the area," the statement said.

In the occupied Gaza Strip, Gaza Mayor Rashid Shawwa and his municipal council held an emergency meeting and resigned on mass to protest the bombings. Shawwa told Reuters that he had resigned along with his entire town council. He said: "We have resigned in protest at the bombings and because of the iron policy of the Israeli government."

"I am breaking off all contact with the Israeli military authorities and am staying at home. Begin can run the municipality."

After the bomb blast in Ramallah a crowd of about 100 Palestinian youths gathered outside the Town Hall shouting angry slogans. Israeli forces opened fire and Reuters correspondent Arik Bajar saw one youth fall wounded in the stomach. Military sources said a second youth was also wounded. Shopkeepers in Nablus closed their stores immediately after the explosion.

Israeli troops imposed tight security in West Bank towns to prevent demonstrations. West Bankers, however, immediately blamed extremists among Jewish settlers who have threatened revenge for the slaying of six settlers in Hebron one month ago to the day.

Several Palestinians were wounded Monday when a hand grenade was thrown into a crowded main square in Hebron.

In Beirut the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) said the Israeli government was responsible for Monday's bomb attacks which injured the West Bank mayors, and added that the assaults were designed to liquidate nationalist leaders.

A spokesman for the PLO was quoted by the Palestine news agency (Wafa) as saying: "The Israeli government represented by its premier, the terrorist (Menahem) Begin, is undoubtedly directly responsible for the Zionist double crime committed against brothers Karim Khalaf (of Ramallah) and Bassam Shaka (of Nablus)."

He recalled that the Israeli occupation authorities had exactly a month ago deported two other West Bank mayors to Lebanon — Fahd al-Qawasmeh of Hebron and Muhammad Milhem of Halhoul.

"This Zionist crime is an extension of the earlier Zionist crimes and a serious escalation designed to liquidate nationalist leaders and symbols in our occupied land in an attempt to implement Zionist-American plans with the approval and blessing of the Egyptian regime," he said.



EXPULSED MAYORS: Hebron Mayor Fahd Kawasmeh (in dark suit) and Halhoul Mayor Muhammad Milhem (right) shown in New York recently attending the celebration of late Malcolm X birthday under the auspices of Black United Front.

## Mayors exposed to death, expelled colleagues say

LONDON, June 2 (R) — Three Palestinian leaders expelled last month from the Israeli-occupied West Bank said the three Arab mayors attacked Monday by car bombers had been "exposed to murder."

"Jewish extremists have all the sympathy and support and protection of the Israeli government. There is no security now for Arabs," their main spokesman, Muhammad Milhem, mayor of Halhoul, told a London press conference. Asked who was responsible for the attacks, he said: "It was planned — most probably in the ministry of defense."

Milhem was speaking at the conference with Hebron Mayor Fahd Al Kawasmeh and the Muslim judge of Hebron, Sheikh Rajah Baydoub Al Tamini. All three had been deported four weeks ago following a Palestinian commando attack on Jews in Hebron on May 3 in which six Jews died. Milhem said they had become "scapegoats, and there must be an end to Israeli harassment if there was to be security and peace in the Middle East. Kawasmeh added: "There's no difference between the extremists and the Begin government."

## Palestinian issue clouds U.S. business in Mideast

By Susan Aray

Washington, June 2

WASHINGTON, June 2 — The revolution in Iran — the Soviet drive into Afghanistan — and a resurgent Islam have produced new tensions in the Middle East and are changing the economic climate particularly on the Arabian Peninsula. But it is an old tension — the unresolved Palestinian issue — which American businessmen say casts the darkest political cloud over the current Middle East market.

American executives — most old hands in the Middle East business arena — who gathered for a recent seminar here on coping with regional tensions were frank in saying that U.S. Middle East policy affects American business interests in the area.

While government officials and statisticians sometimes dispute private industry's claim of recent market losses, the businessmen's perception of the political climate in the Middle East was upheld by a high ranking State Department official who addressed the conference.

"The Arab-Israeli conflict is the fundamental relationship which colors all other relationships," Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Joseph Twinn told the 50 business executives at a Washington seminar sponsored by the business and legal publication, Middle East Executive Reports.

Twinn also said he "sensed a growing concern" in the U.S. government about the declining American market position in the region which American business leaders trace to U.S. laws taxing the foreign earned income of its citizens, anti-boycott and anti-bribery regulations and stiff competition from European and East Asian countries.

But some speakers at the seminar downplayed the impact of the anti-

boycott regulations and the Federal Corrupt Practices Act. "It is costly to the U.S. business or company," one official said, "but most Arab countries — particularly Saudi Arabia — have accommodated themselves to the anti-boycott rules."

Acknowledging another special concern of American business — the East Asian competition — Washington attorney Michael Arra told the seminar participants that the "competition has learned the skills."

The East Asians, primarily the Korean companies trained by the U.S. in the early 1970s, now have the ability to build to American specifications, he said. The subject of East Asian competition in the Middle East market was the subject of a luncheon speech by Stephen M. Sobie, a Washington attorney who also edits East Asian Executive Reports, the sister publication of Middle East Executive Reports.

American businessmen say it is difficult to compete with companies from nations who give government financial backing to private industry, and in the case of Japan, Sobie admitted that the "hand of the Japanese government is on the businessman's back."

A further factor, in the Middle East market, Sobie told the business leaders will be the emerging role of the People's Republic of China. Sobie, who devotes much of his law practice to international transactions, described the Chinese work force as "highly disciplined and stable" — a "potential competitive partner" in the Middle East arena.

While American business must cope with new and old tensions in the area, tax laws and other U.S. regulations, which they label as "export disincentives" and mounting East Asian competition, they were told that American architect-engineer firms could be expected to continue to dominate the Middle East market.

## Apicorp posts \$ 30 million profit

BAHRAIN, June 2 (SPA) — The Arab Petroleum Investments Corp. (Apicorp), jointly owned by nine Arab states, made a profit of 100 million Saudi riyals (\$ 30 million) last year, chief executive Nureddin Farraj said Monday.

Farraj said 61.5 million riyals (\$ 18 million) of the profits would be distributed among the shareholding states, which are the nine members of the organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC).

The profits declared last week at board meeting in the Apicorp headquarters in Al-Khobar were 65 per cent higher than last year's.

The board meeting also decided to finance a lubricating oil factory and a detergents plant and to lend the state-owned Abu Dhabi Gas Liquefaction Company in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) \$ 70 million for a gas gathering scheme, board member Ahmad Mirza told the official Emirates news agency.

## MEA sets record profits in 1979

BEIRUT, June 2 (Agencies) — Middle East Airline's latest company report shows the airline has taken off for a stable future.

A record 51 million Lebanese pounds (\$ 51 million) of profit during the year 1979 demonstrated the privileged position the traveling public has accorded MEA, the chairman and president of MEA, Assad Nasr, said in his 1979 annual report to shareholders and employees.

Nasr, who outlined the inflationary trends and the sharp escalation in fuel prices in 1979, said the most effective means in combat these challenges was through cooperative

action with other airlines and giving full support to the Arab Air Carriers Organization and the International Air Transport Association.

He added that the company has satisfied the upsurge of passenger traffic that reflected the normalization process in the country during 1979. Several development projects also were achieved during the year. Nasr said, "MEA has shown that it possesses a most desirable quality in any organization, namely, the ability to minimize the consequences of adverse developments while maximizing the gains when conditions are favorable."



### Apicorp makes SR100m

## Record profits announced

KHOBAR, June 2 (SPA) — The Arab Petroleum Investment Company (Apicorp) made a profit of SR100 million last year, an increase of 65 per cent over the previous one.

During its annual general meeting, which opened here Wednesday, the representatives of the member states adopted the new general budget and the financial report according to the company's General Manager Dr. Nurridin Farra.

Dr. Farra said the conference agreed to set aside SR61,500,000 to give to shareholders. These are Saudi Arabia, the U.A.E., Bahrain, Algeria, Kuwait, Qatar and Libya.

The meeting also elected the new board of directors for the next four years who included Jamal Gawa, deputy governor of Petromin, chairman, and Salem Farkash of Libya, deputy chairman. Board members will represent the other member states.

Apicorp was founded by the Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC) to invest in petroleum-related projects in Arab countries. In 1978 it made a profit of SR63 million. It had participated in the financing and management of projects with a total of \$900 million in which its share had amounted to 14 per cent.

The company committed funds in Algeria, Oman and Tunisia including a liquefied natural gas export program being carried out by Sonatrach, the Algerian oil company. It also helped develop oil fields in southern Oman and oil exploration and recovery in Tunisia.

Apart from that it provided funds for liquefied gas projects in Bahrain and Abu Dhabi for a petrochemical project in Qatar, the third expansion phase of the Jordan refinery and the Jordan Chemical Fertilizer scheme. It also helped fund a refinery at M'hammediyah in Morocco, the second stage

of oil field development in Tunisia, and the Tunisian National Maritime Company's projects for transport of crude oil and refined products.

It also conducted feasibility studies for Arab joint ventures for refining lubricants, oil-based detergents, engine oil, synthetic rubber and fibers and chemical insecticides.

### saudi comment

By Samir Shamoun  
Al Medina

Anyone watching TV last Wednesday will know why I am writing these words. Our weekend starts Wednesday evening, and members of the family gather near the TV set to watch a program that should please all. Not everyone wants to be a football fan wasting two hours on a soccer match in Spain, interspersed with two very ordinary type of songs. I don't think this should be the time to telecast this program, and I am sure tens of thousands of viewers in the Kingdom might have switched off their sets before the end of the program.

A majority of people turn on TV to view some series or a play, just to avoid drab programs and long musical interludes. They want to see the series early and not after long nervous wait. By the way, I asked someone about an important event on the TV. He said he does not sit before the television. In fact, many people like him feel that watching the TV is only wasting one's time. That is why there is a growing demand for video, which provides entertainment according to the choice of its owner.

As a result, many video tapes containing films quite subversive to our religious principles have snaked into the country. These films are replete with psychological and propaganda venom that influences the minds of many people and detracts them from the sublime values of their faith.

In fact, television carries an aim and a message. Its aim should be to leave an indirect imprint on the minds of viewers of some ideas and to provide them food for thought, and not just to offer primitive propaganda which are exposed at the very first sight. This, of course, requires skill, precision and long, arduous effort. As such, the TV programs should not be left to young, inexperienced officials for implementation.

In our view, a higher council for TV and radio programs should be formed to look into the minutest details of the quality and timing of each program intended to be relayed on the air. This is done in advanced countries, and if we don't do it we will only squander our funds for nothing.



Dr. Soliman A. Solaim

## Committee discusses standards

RIYADH, June 2 (SPA) — Commerce Minister Dr. Soliman A. Solaim opened here a seminar organized by the Saudi Arabian Standardization Authority on standardization of keyboards for Arabic calculators and console typewriters.

The seminar, at the Saudi Consultancy Services Board, was attended by representatives of various government departments, Riyadh University, the University of Petroleum and Minerals in Dhahran, concerned firms and establishments and some Arab countries and international organizations and companies.

In his opening address, Dr. Solaim dealt with the projected improvement of the condition of manpower in Saudi Arabia under the third five-year-development plan and the role which the computer will play in this respect.

The seminar will discuss, among other things, the transfer of technology, and the improvement of computer units used in the Arab world.

Dr. Solaim and delegates to the seminar also visited an electronic calculator exhibition held in conjunction with the work as well as the laboratories of the authority.

### Saudi-American Bank to review operations

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, June 2 — The board of administration of the Saudi-American Bank will meet at the Qasr Al-Riyadh Hotel in Riyadh, June 9, under its chairman Sheikh Abdullah Al-Sudairi, to discuss the bank's total Saudi takeover and review its financial situation.

Also high on the agenda will be the new expansions planned within the bank in its forthcoming plan, the bank's management, and the issue of a special emblem for the bank.

The meeting will be attended on the Saudi side by Sheikh Muhammad Saleh Gokhdar, Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al-Nawaisir, Sheikh Khaled Abdullah Al-Zamel, Sheikh Khaled Ali Al-Turki, and Sheikh Hussein Alireza.

The American side will include Michael Client, M. Karashi, Michael Colon and Sheikh Ing Dotch.

## Al-Sheikh okays farm plans worth SR117m

RIYADH, June 2 (SPA) — Minister of Agriculture and Water Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh approved the implementation of nearly SR117 million worth of agricultural projects in the private sector.

The projects were approved within the framework of the state's policy to develop the agricultural and animal sectors and to boost the private sector through state loans averaging more than 50 per cent of the cost of projects.

The new projects include an SR30 million poultry farming and animal husbandry project in Al-Rass, Onaizah. Under the project, 600 milking cows will be raised in a 140-hectare area, which will also produce animal feed. The annual yield is estimated at close to 2.7 million liters of milk.

Under another project, eight covered pens will be erected in Qasim to give an estimated annual yield of 800,000 table chickens. The project will cost more than SR7.2 million.

In the field of agriculture, there is a project to grow vegetables under covered houses, of which plastic houses will be set up in an area of 30 donums and glass houses in an area of 10 donums in Medina region. The SR7.75 million project is expected to give an annual yield of nearly 270 tons of tomato and 100 tons of cucumber.

An egg production project will be set up south of Abha in Assir province, where 61,000 fowls will be bred to produce nearly 15 million eggs annually. The project is expected to cost more than SR4.8 million.



OPENING: Prince Sattam checks out a computer terminal after the opening of the telephone center.

### Computerized service

## Sattam opens phone center

RIYADH, June 2 (SPA) — Acting Governor of Riyadh Prince Sattam ibn Abdul Aziz opened a telephone information center Sunday for Riyadh and Qasim which can 31 calls at a time.

In his opening speech, Minister of Posts, Telegraph and Telephones, Dr. Alawi Darwish Kayyal, remarked that 84 per cent of all staff in the center will be Saudi. He added that the special feature of the center is that all computerized data in it are in Arabic.

The minister noted that the center will store in its computer's logic memory the files of more than one and a half million subscribers and that it will function round the clock. He further said that the center was set up

within 18 months by a Saudi firm and that it will improve telephone information service considerably.

Prince Sattam congratulated the PIT ministry on its relentless efforts to facilitate contacts among Saudi cities and link them to the outside world. He said it is indeed heart warming to hear that 84 per cent of the staff in the center will be Saudis, "in conformity with the aspirations of the government of King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd."

The Riyadh and Qasim telephone information center serves 19 cities and villages, addition to Riyadh itself. Its services extend to another seven cities this year according to the Saudi Press Agency.

### Tabuk allots land plots

TABUK, June 2 (SPA) — Governor of Tabuk Prince Abdul Majid said here that the higher committee for town planning has approved plans for the allotment of plots to people of the low-income group.

The plan consists of nearly 4,700 land plots which will be allotted after the demarcation of plots on the plan site.

In a meeting held Saturday, the committee agreed to reconsider the town's master plan through a specialized company, so that it makes room for ideal residential quarters, specifies commercial and industrial areas as well as the height of future buildings in the town, the prince said.

He added that the committee further approved sites for pilgrims' terminal buildings, power plant and the police training center in the region.

Besides, the committee considered the rules governing permission for new buildings, with a view to ensuring similarity in their facade and colors, the governor said, urging the citizens to cooperate with the municipality in this regard in order to give a modern appearance to the town.

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## Export processing zone Pakistan trade plan draws businessmen

By A Staff Writer

JEDDAH, June 2 — Several Saudi Arabian businessmen have expressed interest in Pakistan's new Export Processing Zone — EPZ — project, a duty-free area without any import or export restrictions, which will be open to foreign businessmen for investments independently as well as in joint ventures with Pakistani or any other companies.

According to the Pakistan embassy here several Saudi Arabian companies have already sent out representatives to the zone to check on its potentialities.

The companies showed particular interest in setting up electronic, light engineering, diesel engines, water pumps, agricultural implements and food processing and preserving industries in the zone.

A few were said to be negotiating deals with Japanese and Hong Kong manufacturers for launching joint ventures in the zone to (1) the Kingdom's markets with goods not produced locally.

Since the government's announcement of the zone plan several exporters in Japan, Korea, Hong Kong and Europe have been studying it as a warehousing and assembly base for their merchandise destined for the Middle East markets in particular to escape the bottlenecks in some ports there.

Since the zone offers them the prospect of using launches and coasters as economical and fast-moving modes of transportation, they plan to bring their goods and components by air or sea and store them in warehouses here for assembly, repair, re-packing and distribution to the neighboring countries.

The zone estate will initially spread over 50 acres of land on the Karachi sea-line. But it can later be expanded to 3,000 acres.

It will be completely exempt from import and export restrictions, customs duty and other taxes. Foreign investments are legally protected in Pakistan and foreign investors in the zone will be permitted to repatriate their capital and profits freely.

The investors will be free to select any Jazaeri meets Chi Kaj

RIYADH, June 2 (SPA) — Health Minister Dr. Hussain Al-Jazaeri met the National Health Administration Deputy Director General of the Republic of China, Dr. Chang Chi Kaj, Monday. They discussed health cooperation between their countries.

Dr. Kaj will leave for Hofuf Tuesday to inspect work progress at the new central Hospital of Hofuf, run by a Taiwanese company. The hospital is one of the five recently completed hospitals project that includes Jeddah, Jizan, Medina, and Al-Khobar.

industry of their choice so long as it does not compete with a similar industry in the country's tariff area.

Preference will, however, be given to industries which are based on raw materials available in Pakistan or which are labor intensive or use advanced technology.

The investors will have a wide option to choose from a range covering industries in electronics, light engineering, fine mechanics, computer applications, electrical appliances, wood works and furniture, building materials, fibre glass, plastic and rubber based products, laboratory equipment, garments manufacturing, chemicals and pharmaceuticals.

The investors can set up their own industries or go into joint ventures with Pakistani or other foreign investors. Pakistanis working abroad can also invest on non-repatriable basis.

The zone is ideally located. It will have two seaports — Karachi harbor and Port Qasim, which is nearing completion — and one international airport to serve. It is linked up with air and road networks with the vast hinterland which can feed it with low-cost raw materials and manpower in abundance.

Supporting industries outside the zone are well-developed and can supply its undertakings with all kinds of manufactured and semi-manufactured goods.

It lies in the proximity of flourishing markets in the Mideast, Asia and Africa. Pakistan itself offers a big market. Its import bill amounts to about 3,500 million dollars annually, with industrial machinery, industrial raw materials, chemicals and transportation equipment constituting its main imports.

In view of the zone's potential in stimulating the country's industrial growth, export trade and increased employment opportunities, the Pakistan Government attaches great importance to the project.



VISITING CHIEF: Bahraini armed forces chief of staff, Brig. Gen. Khalifa bin Hamad Al Khalifa, arrived in Jeddah during his visit to the Kingdom. Khalifa is here on a three-day visit for talks with Saudi Arabian armed forces officials.

### BRIEFS

HASA, June 2 (SPA) — Hasa Governor Prince Muhammad bin Fahd Al-Jiluwi will attend Thursday King Faisal University's Scientific exhibitions will be held on the occasion at the university premises. The show are organized by the Faculties of Agricultural Sciences and Foods, Veterinary Medicine and Animal Resources, English language centers and the division of domestic sciences. Scientific and social films will also be shown at the ceremony.

DAMMAM, June 2 (SPA) — A French agricultural delegation arrived here Monday in a visit which includes Damman, Alkhobar and Hofuf. The delegation will meet businessmen and farmers to discuss agricultural cooperation between the two countries.

TABUK, June 2 (SPA) — The Tabuk Higher Committee for Planning met here

under Prince Abdul Mujid the governor of Tabuk to discuss planning Tabuk and surrounding towns. The meeting was attended by Omar Ghadi, deputy minister of municipal and rural affairs for urban planning, Hassan Mugarbel, municipal and rural affairs general director in the Western Region, Hassan Dahlawi, urban planning director of Tabuk, Sheikh Fahd Al-Qabaa the mayor of Tabuk and mayors of Amlaj and Wajb.

DAMMAM, June 2 (SPA) — The General Presidency of Girls' Education agreed to open a dress-making and tailoring center in Damman in the next academic year, it was announced. Abdul Aziz Al-Maglouh, regional inspector of the Eastern Province Girls' Education Directorate, said by opening the center in Damman the number of tailoring centers in the province rises to three. The other two are located in Al Khobar and Hofuf. Admission conditions will be issued shortly, Maglouh added.

## Tabuk signs SR37m pact for power

TABUK, June 2 (SPA) — A SR37 million was signed between Tabuk Electricity Board and General Electric to supply power.

Each unit will have an 18,300 kilowatt capacity and the contract, signed by board governor Dr. Nazih Hassan Nassif, is to be carried out within seven months.

Another electricity plant with an overall capacity of 120,000 kilowatts will be set up off Medina road, Dr. Nassif said, adding that work on the units and the plant will begin during the same year.

After the contract was signed, Tabuk Governor Prince Abdul Majid bin Abdul Aziz, conferred with senior officials at the governorate to discuss the area's electricity services.

Meanwhile, funds have been allocated for electricity projects to be carried out by the General Electricity Organization after issuing public tenders for the projects, it was announced Monday.

General Electricity Organization Governor Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Zamel said there are three central projects for Hail, Jof and Najran. The organization finished their studies and specifications and tenders will be issued shortly.

To achieve effective participation of Saudi Arabian contractors in the huge projects, the organization decided divide the contracts into smaller ones. The situation of the contracts is to be studied before awarding them.

Dr. Zamel called on Saudi Arabian electricity works contractors to see the organization for collect qualification documents under which they will be graded according to their experiences.

### prayer times

Tuesday	Mecca	Medina	Najd
Fajr	4.17	4.04	3.38
Ishraq	5.45	5.30	5.10
Dhuhr	12.26	12.25	11.58
Asr	3.43	3.47	3.19
Maghreb	7.02	7.08	7.09
Isha	8.32	8.38	8.09

### WEATHER

The weather is expected to be fine in resort areas and the western and south-western ghlands. In other areas, it will be warm during the day and moderate at night. Cumulus clouds will gather in the highlands and may bring scattered showers.

Winds will be north-easterly to north-westerly and moderate possibly causing sand size in the central region. Seas will be calm to moderate.

Monday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade)

Mecca	43	31
Jeddah	37	30
Riyadh	41	27
Dhahran	42	27
Medina	43	26
Taif	36	23
Jizan	41	22
Qassim	39	28
Hail	39	22
Tabuk	41	22
Abha	39	14
Baha	27	13

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## Egypt links talks to issues of Jerusalem, settlements

CAIRO, June 2 (AP) — Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali has warned that the suspended Palestinian autonomy talks could not be resumed if Israel changed the status of East Jerusalem or continued expanding Jewish settlements on occupied Arab territories.

Quoted Sunday the Middle East News Agency, Ali said the United States which is currently undertaking separate consultations with Egypt and Israel aimed at creating a

## Turkey says 10 killed by Iraqi choppers

ANKARA, June 2 (R) — Six Iraqi helicopters machinegunned a group of 18 Turkish peasants who had crossed into Iraq, killing 10 and wounding three, the state radio reported Monday.

The radio said two peasants escaped back to Turkey unharmed and three children with the group were later allowed back by Iraqi authorities.

The radio said the Turkish-Iraqi border had been closed after news of the incident near the Iraqi village of Dopkar Sunday morning.

The governor of Turkey's Hakkari Province, which borders both Iraq and Iran, was holding talks with Iraqi officials at the border Monday, the radio said. It reported that Turkish peasants had wandered across the border to cut grass.

The Turkish cabinet released a statement after an emergency session Sunday night which gave the figure as 12 Turks dead but made no mention of Iraqi helicopters and did not specify clearly on which side of the border killings took place.

Monday's state radio broadcast appeared to give the latest information known to the Turkish authorities.

There was widespread speculation here that the incident may have involved Kurdish guerrillas or been linked to the recent Iraqi-Iranian border clashes.

suitable atmosphere for resuming the autonomy talks, was informed of the Egyptian position.

"Egypt has informed the United States that no measures should be taken to change the status of (East) Jerusalem and that establishment of Jewish settlements on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip should be halted," Ali was quoted as saying.

"The initiative Egypt expects from Washington for resuming the talks should be based on Egypt's view," Ali said indicating that Cairo wants an American commitment on the two issues before restarting the U.S.-sponsored negotiations.

"The United States has expressed understanding toward the Egyptian views particularly those related to the settlements," Ali added.

"Israel should not adopt any opposition toward these two subjects in order not to block resuming the negotiations," Ali warned.

Ali was apparently referring to an Israeli statement issued in Jerusalem earlier in the day saying that the Israeli government was preparing a bill that would formally name Jerusalem, including the Arab sector as the capital city. Israel annexed East Jerusalem shortly after the 1967 Mideast war.

Apart from being a violation of the Camp David agreements, Israel's policy on Jerusalem and the settlements is preventing Palestinians from joining the autonomy talks, Ali said.

The authoritative newspaper *Al-Ahram* meanwhile said Vice President Hosni Mubarak has sought the American commitment during his talks with U.S. President Jimmy Carter in Washington last month. The paper did not elaborate on Carter's reaction to the Egyptian request.

It said Egypt has also asked the United States to produce a text of a new statement attributed to Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin in which he rejected a proposal by Carter's Mideast envoy Sol Linowitz urging no change in the status of East Jerusalem.

Egypt has also asked its ambassador in Tel Aviv to relay the same text, the paper added without elaboration.



Kamal Hassan Ali

## Syria warns against 'U.S.-Zionist plans'

DAMASCUS, June 2 (R) — Syria's government newspaper *Tishrin*, Monday warned other Arab governments against drifting behind "American and Zionist plans" through political action to solve the Middle East crisis.

It said in a leading article that there was a new trend in certain Arab quarters to solve the Middle East issue through political efforts, including dialogues, contacts and accepting invitations to see certain presidents, especially in the United States and European countries.

The paper mentioned no names but it was announced in Amman last week that King Hussein had accepted an invitation from President Jimmy Carter to visit Washington for talks on the Middle East and other international issues.

"Political action aimed at achieving the national aspirations, represented by liberating all the Arab territories, the creation of an independent Palestinian state and the foiling of the Camp David accords, is essential and necessary, but to drift behind American and Zionist plans is something which is totally rejected," the paper said.

*Tishrin* also said the Arab masses would not accept the abandonment by an Arab party on its commitments whether in the military, economic or oil fields "under the guise of what is called political action."

## N.Yemen won't join hardline group

SHARJAH, United Arab Emirates, June 2 (AFP) — North Yemen's Information Minister Yehia Arachi has denied reports that his country was planning to join the "steadfastness front" grouping, Algeria, Libya, Syria, South Yemen and the Palestine Liberation Organization, the daily *Al-Khaleej* reported.

In an interview with the newspaper, published here Sunday Arachi said that North

## U.K. police probe link to KOC blast

LONDON, June 2 (R) — British police Sunday night investigated the possibility that a bomb explosion at the Kuwait Oil Company (KOC) office in London earlier Sunday was linked to an attempted bomb attack at the Kuwait Tourist Office in Paris.

The bomb attack here shortly after midnight in a fashionable shopping and office area caused extensive damage to the oil company office and adjacent buildings, but no one was injured.

In Paris, a bomb was discovered shortly afterward, but it was safely defused, British police said. They added that British and

## Pakistan lawyers protest court curbs

ISLAMABAD, June 2 (R) — Lawyers in Pakistan's main cities stopped work Sunday in protest against the government's attempt to restrict the power of civilian courts. About 5,000 lawyers observed the one-day boycott following Gen. Zia ul-Haq's decree last Monday amending the constitution.

Zia banned provincial high courts from hearing cases challenging his rule and warned lawyers they faced jail, forfeiture of property and flogging if they allowed their professional organizations to be used as political platforms by opposition politicians.

The walkout closed courts in Karachi, Hyderabad, Quetta, Lahore and Peshawar. Lawyers in Rawalpindi, site of Pakistan's supreme court, decided to carry out their boycott Monday.

Lawyers in Hyderabad marched through the streets wearing black armbands in defiance of martial law regulations banning processions. No one was arrested.

In Lahore the local bar association called for a national lawyers' convention to try to force the government to restore constitutional rights to the courts and to remove press censorship.

In Karachi, the bank employees federation, the main union of Pakistan's middle classes, gave its full support to the lawyers' action, a spokesman said.

Two leading opposition politicians, retired Air Marshal Asghar Khan and Miss Benazir Bhutto, daughter of executed Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, have made anti-government speeches at bar association meetings in the past month.

## 19 Pakistanis killed in bus-jeep collision

ISLAMABAD, June 2 (AFP) — Nineteen persons died and 50 others were injured in a head-on collision between a passenger bus and jeep near Malakand, about 480 kilometers north of here Sunday.

Sixteen persons died on the spot as the two vehicles, after colliding, rolled into a 1,000 meter deep gorge, police reported. The accident occurred on the Mardan-Swat road. Three persons died on their way to hospital.

Yemen bought arms "from both the Soviet Union and the United States in keeping with the principle of diversification of arms sources."

"There is no reason for excessive worry over the presence of Soviet and American military experts in North Yemen," he added. "Both countries provide us with skills we need and are only there on a temporary basis."

## U.K. police probe link to KOC blast

French police were in contact over the incidents.

A British police spokeswoman said, however, "no one has claimed responsibility for the explosion and we have no idea who carried it out."

There has been a spate of Middle East-related violence in London recently, including the takeover of the Iranian embassy last month by armed dissidents. Two of some 20 hostages were killed during a six-day siege, and five of the dissidents were killed when the embassy was stormed by British commandos.



Ayatollah Sadegh Khalkhali

## Iran's 'hanging judge'

## Khalkhali strikes again

TEHRAN, June 2 (OFNS) — Iran's revolutionary tribunals have recaptured their prominence in national affairs by ordering a spate of executions for political and criminal offenses. At least 45 persons faced firing squads two weeks ago as the regime settled old political scores, sought to contain the frequent acts of sabotage in the oil-producing province of Khuzestan and unleashed a war on drug trafficking.

Among the latest to be executed were two dissident leaders in the northwestern city of Tabriz and six members of the underground Ferozan movement, held responsible for the assassination of several prominent figures since the revolution.

And Iran's feared "hanging judge," Ayatollah Sadegh Khalkhali, sentenced 20 persons to death for dealing in heroin, the biggest mass execution of criminals since Ayatollah Khomeini came to power. Khalkhali condemned nine more to death a day later, and further executions seemed likely to follow another raid on drug-dealers. The raid resulted in 32 arrests.

When Khalkhali was appointed, he was

instructed by President Bani-Sadr to confine himself to investigating drug trafficking and to leave sentencing to the judicial authorities. Asked about Khalkhali's defiance, Bani-Sadr washed his hands of the affair, announcing it was not his business.

The response illustrated the weakness of Bani-Sadr's position as he approaches another round in the power struggle with the clergy-controlled Islamic Republican Party over the selection of a prime minister and cabinet.

The president has already failed in one attempt to seize the initiative by winning Khomeini's approval to choose a prime minister before the opening of parliament. Now he is struggling to ensure the success of his nominees in the key areas of foreign policy and economic affairs.

The selection of a new government may defer for several weeks any action by parliament on deciding the fate of the American hostages. It is also expected to preclude progress by foreign governments or organizations attempting to mediate on their behalf.



WRECKED VILLAGE: Three Mujahiddine Afghan rebels on high ground view the village of Dongnn in Kunar Province of Afghanistan — some five kilometers from the Pakistani border — which lies wrecked and deserted following Russian air attacks in April.

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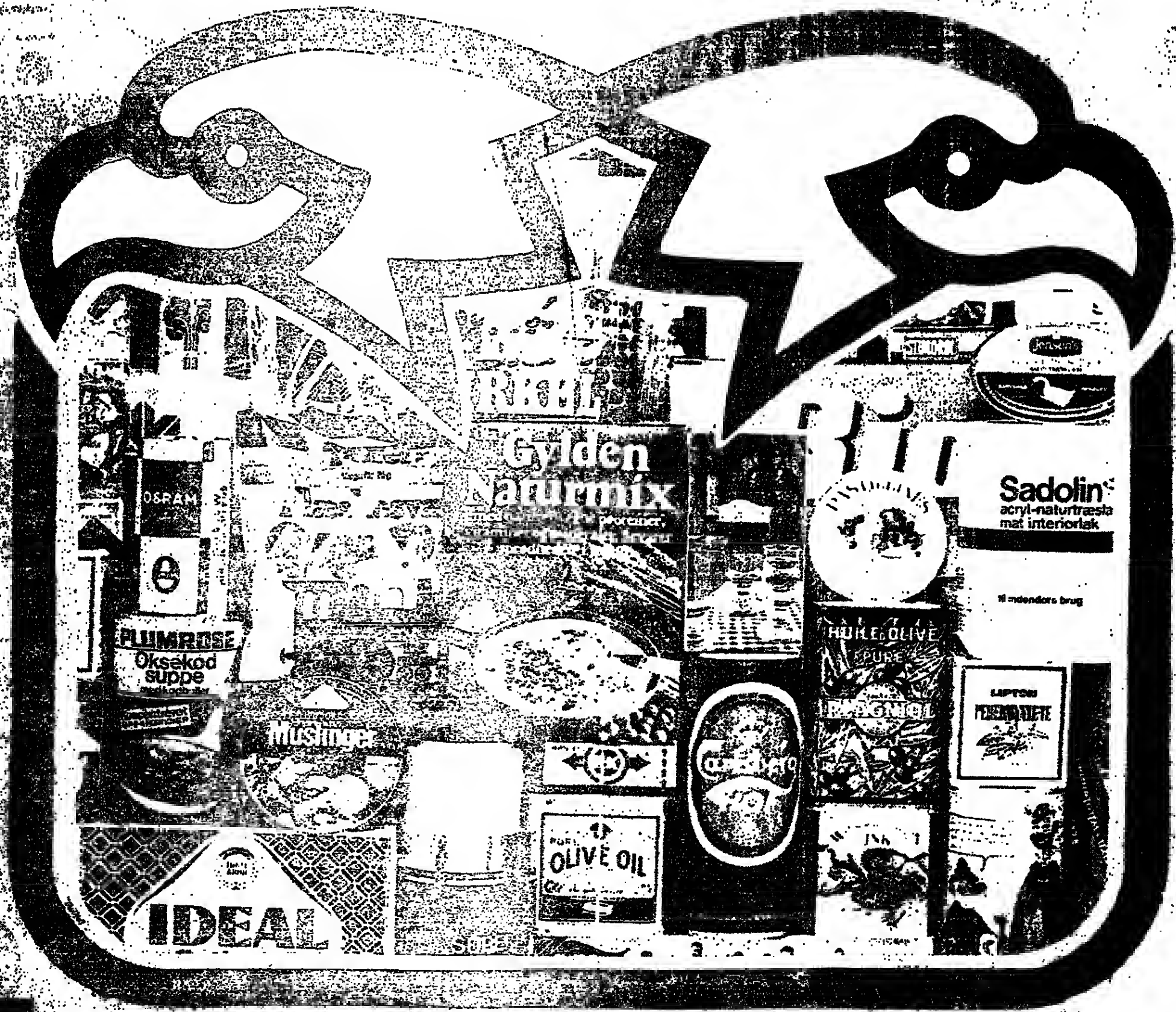
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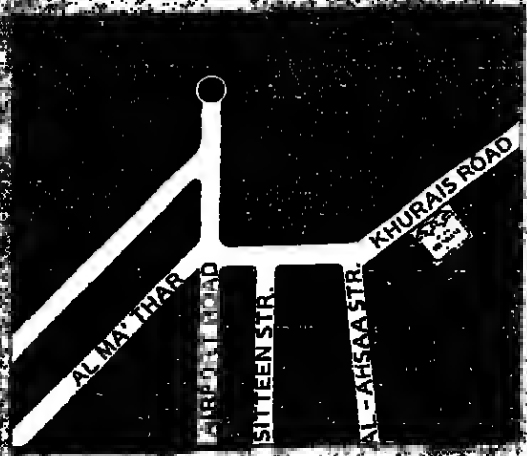


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## Helping Iran circumvent ban

By Shyam Bhatia

TEHRAN — The Soviet Union and its allies are poised to help Iran circumvent newly imposed European Community trade sanctions. Trade protocols signed last month by the Soviet Union, Poland and Bulgaria will enable these three countries to act as brokers or middle men for Iranian imports from Western Europe.

Iranian officials do not expect any substantial reduction in the flow of imports, although goods will be more expensive and delays can be expected. The United States, Western Europe and Japan, hitherto Iran's main trading partners, have all joined hands to impose sanctions against Tehran until the release of the American embassy hostages.

However Iranian Commerce Ministry officials say American sanctions imposed against Iran have already proved ineffective. Raw materials, food and technology are reaching Iran through neighboring countries in the Gulf and by way of Pakistan. American rice is being shipped on dhows from Oman to Iran, Iran Air has found its Boeing aircraft can be serviced in Pakistan, instead of in West Germany or the United States.

The extra costs involved in rerouting imports can be easily met by an estimated \$15 billion that Iran has no deposit in Western European banks. Bank

deposits are not affected by the European sanctions. One commerce ministry official told foreign journalists there were three ways an economic boycott could be implemented. The first was by not selling goods to Iran, but this was already being circumvented with the help of neighboring countries and Eastern bloc states.

The second was to freeze Iran's bank accounts in the West, as had already happened in the United States. But this was not likely to take place in Western Europe, Iran, he added, had made contingency plans for transferring its deposits to the accounts of friendly third countries, such as Libya.

The third was to insure war insurance fees for Iranian ports to such an extent that no shipping companies would find it worthwhile to continue transporting anything to Iran. In such an event, Iran could buy its own shipping lines and make its own use of land routes through Turkey, the Soviet Union and Pakistan.

Despite such official bravado, some Iranians are concerned that the oil industry will be badly hit by a trade ban. A senior official of the national Iranian Oil Corporation said that the country's oil production was already suffering because of a shortage of spares. Iran's oil production has dropped to less than two million barrels a day, a million less than required to sustain the present level of imports. — (OFNS)

## NATO split over AWACs

Discontent is growing among NATO states over the alliance's provisions for early warning of a Warsaw Pact air attack. Some may decide to buy their own warning aircraft instead of contributing to the NATO force of Boeing AWACs (airborne warning and control system aircraft).

The Boeings are being funded mainly by the West Germans and the United States. Countries on the edge of the alliance, such as Norway and Greece, are concerned that, in a war, the AWAC planes would be concentrated over Germany to the neglect of their own defenses.

Greece and Norway are looking at a smaller and cheaper early warning aircraft, the Grumman E-2C Hawkeye. The Hawkeye was first flown for the U.S. Navy more than 20 years ago. Since then it has been improved to the point where, its makers claim, it can "look down" to track and identify aircraft flying over land at low level.

The Hawkeye has already been ordered by Japan and Israel, and Israel has used it to control fighters in combat. France is seriously interested in the

Hawkeye, and one of the aircraft will arrive France soon for an intensive evaluation.

The Swiss, Australian and South Korean forces have also taken an interest in buying Hawkeyes, and Grumman is trying to obtain firm orders before current production for the U.S. Navy begins to slow down.

Britain has stayed out of the NATO AWAC program, preferring to develop its own Nimrod AEW3. The E-2C was offered to Britain at one time, but was rejected because it was not as effective as the Nimrod.

Grumman, which has been one of the main suppliers of carrier-based fighters and bombers to the U.S. Navy for nearly 50 years, believes that its new aircraft may have to be a vertical takeoff plane like the British Harrier. That would enable the U.S. Navy to replace its massive attack carriers with smaller, cheaper and less vulnerable ships. Grumman is working on a prototype for a generic purpose vertical or short takeoff aircraft with retracting engines — (OFNS)

## CARTER SHARPENS TONE

President Carter's statement over the Middle East came as a surprise more because of its unprecedented sharpness of tone. The content, which is America's rejection of any settlement in the Middle East outside the framework of the Camp David agreements, has been repeatedly broadcast by the administration. But this time, President Carter accompanied this stand with an overt threat to the European countries. The United States, he said, will use its veto in the Security Council if the Europeans decide to proceed with their independent initiative for a Middle East settlement.

If Carter's stand is unacceptable to some of the European, as well as some of the Arab, countries, his reasons for it are clear. The Camp David agreements are his most important foreign policy achievement, and he is therefore unable to give up hope that Egypt and Israel could be once more brought to the negotiating table and made to work out a mutually agreed formula for Palestinian autonomy. In addition, he is immersed in the reelection battle where, no sooner than the Kennedy threat to divide the "liberal" constituency began to recede, than it was supplanted by the threat from John Anderson to do the same.

The question is whether the European powers will accede to Carter's demand. Their forthcoming summit in Venice was supposed to decide on the form of the supposed "European initiative"; although there was doubt if prior agreement on it had been obtained. The Europeans had delayed their initiative several times before, partly because of American pressure, but also because of lack of agreement on its terms among them.

What the Arabs require from any such initiative is clear departure from the Camp David terms. They want recognition of the Palestine Liberation Organization, and an unambiguous call for the establishment of a Palestinian state. If, as the Americans say, this will only increase Israel's suspicions, and hence lead to further hardening of its stand, then this is what the Israelis themselves say, while proceeding regardless with their illegal colonization of the West Bank and the other occupied territories.

## Mystery killers in Portugal

By Jimmy Burns

LISBON — "Terrorism on the loose," "Policeman gunned down, terrorists arrested," "Has the Wild West reached us?" Across the front pages of Lisbon's newspapers the banner headlines underline a growing disquiet in Europe's sleepiest capital.

Until recently Portugal was one of the few Western European countries that could boast a near-immunity from organized urban terrorism. Even the 1974 revolution, which overturned half-a-century of dictatorship, claimed only four lives. But in two weeks a series of bank raids, explosions, deaths (two policemen and one industrialist), and a reported kidnap attempt on the Finance Minister, Anibal Cavaco Silva, has sent shivers through the establishment.

The source of the violence is uncertain. Portugal's first right-wing administration since the revolution has warned the media against dramatizing events, and has accused the opposition of trying to suggest that "unconnected acts of banditry are part of a coordinated campaign."

Responsibility for the raids and the killings has been claimed by a little-known group calling itself the "Popular Forces — 25th April," the date of the revolution. The FP-25, as it has become known, issued its first communiqué in April on the revolution's sixth anniversary: an occasion marked by a

series of small bomb explosions across the country. However, arrested suspects and spokesmen claiming to represent the group have given contradictory statements about FP-25's activities and ideology.

Some of the so-called "terrorist" incidents have been characterized by amateurism, strengthening the government's view that they are the work of criminals rather than of a well-organized political group.

The "murder" of the industrialist, for which FP-25 claimed responsibility, is described by police as "almost certainly" suicide. The FP-25 has created a climate of expectancy ripe for picking not just by radicals but by any bored individual who will never use a gun in his life but who knows that telling people he has one gets him on the front pages.

While the government demands some self-control from the hysterical media, the police have seized the chance to campaign for the creation of an anti-terrorist squad. Portugal's dreaded security service, the PIDE, was disbanded after the revolution, and the issue of replacing it has remained politically controversial since then.

In April a draft law envisaging the formation of a new crack unit called the Special Operation Group was approved in principle by Prime Minister Francisco sa Carneiro. The decision has still to be endorsed by President Eanes. — (OFNS)

## Brazil's rain forest threatened

By Sue Branford and Geoffrey Lean

LONDON — The world's largest remaining area of rain forest is under new threat from a draft law before Brazil's congress. The proposed law was originally designed to protect the Amazon forest, but a government commission has secretly altered it under pressure from big business.

The revised version is unashamedly market-oriented and anti-conservationist and makes a mockery of the recent claim by Mario Andreazza, minister of the interior, that "Brazilian society... has decided to ensure that his immense and still virgin area should cease to be pillaged."

Leaked documents show the modifications in the law greatly strengthen the position of the powerful international timber companies that are anxious to lay their hands on the 50 billion cubic meters of Amazonian hardwoods which have been estimated to be worth \$90 billion.

The original draft of the new law was drawn up by a special commission of academics and government representatives, which met during the second half of last year. This law was not presented to congress, and instead a second commission, composed of officials from the planning, interior and agriculture ministries, all of which have close links with the business community, prepared their own version.

A comparison of the two drafts reveals changes that greatly weaken the legislation, although it has a few positive points.

A commitment was made in the first draft to preserve 150 million hectares of the Amazon region, of which 100 million were to be tropical rain forest. This would have meant that about a third of

the luxuriant tropical forest, with its rich abundance of flora and fauna, some of which have yet to be classified by scientists, would have been saved from destruction by timber companies, land developers and cattle ranches.

Under the revised draft, the references to specific areas and been replaced by a vague reference to preservation "according to ecologic economic zoning."

Even more disturbing alterations have occurred in the conditions controlling the felling and marketing of timber. In the first draft, cautious authorization was given for two initial forestry projects, by the government's Institute for Forest Development, which would be permitted to subcontract Brazilian companies to carry out part of the task. Although only two projects are still to be authorized at an initial stage, the clearly stated intention to set up a series of projects in rapid succession.

The phrase limiting the subcontracting Brazilian companies has been removed. A phrase about "not losing control over the resources of the Brazilian Amazon" has been retained, but it is evident that the way has been cleared for the entry of the multinational timber companies. A new paragraph permits the sale of unfelled timber to "private companies" with no specification of nationality.

Timber companies have not been the only sure group to lobby the government, although they have probably been the most successful. Land companies, some of which are linked to powerful industrial groups, are making enormous profits by buying up extensive tracts of Amazon land, subdividing them and selling them off to small farmers. (OFNS)

## Saudi Arabian Press Review

United States President Jimmy Carter's threat to use his U.N. veto against the European initiative to solve the Middle East crisis was covered as a lead story in some papers Monday. *Al Riyadh* reported Kuwait as blaming Carter for pursuing a complicated policy in the region, while Israeli Premier Begin was reported as threatening to abrogate the Camp David accords if the Security Council's Resolution 242 is amended. *Al Jazirah* led with Minister of Finance and National Economy Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al-Khail's statement that OPEC's fund will be turned into a permanent legal fund managed by the finance ministers of member countries. *Al Medina* played as its lead story Minister of Industry and Electricity Dr. Gbazi Algasalbi's charge that foreign sources are trying to stop the industrial movement in the Gulf at its beginning. *Okaz* led with Monday's international conference in Tehran to

consider the American intervention in Iran, while *Al Nadwa* gave lead coverage to the activity of the Islamic committee formed to pursue the Afghanistan issue.

*Al Riyadh* frontpaged Tunisian Premier Muhammad Mazali's reaffirmation that his country is part of the Arab and Islamic world and that the Arabization process covers all government departments and institutions. In a front-page story, *Okaz* reported that SR2.5 billion has been allocated in the current state budget for the implementation of water and sewage projects in Taif. *Al Medina* gave front-page prominence to the OPEC conference in Algiers, while *Al Jazirah* reported different reactions to the European initiative on the Middle East crisis.

Some newspaper editorials continue to comment on the Middle East issue, stressing the need for a just peace in the region. Others concentrated on the U.S. stance

vis-a-vis the European initiative. In an editorial, *Al Nadwa* said the American president seems to be sure of the failure of resolution 242 and the Camp David accords which have only given privileges to Israel to act according to its whims. The paper described Carter's threat to use the U.N. veto as an attempt to boost his election campaign and to serve Zionist interests, completely ignoring the interests of other peoples and the significance of international peace.

*Al Yom* remarked that the U.S. president's threat will only create pessimism about possible solutions to the Middle East issue. The paper considered the threat as only an election balloon let loose to test the election situation in the country, and discounted any possibility of President Carter not knowing about the European initiative earlier than it was publicized through the media services. *Al Riyadh* also said Carter does

not seem to be agreeable with the European move, which clashes with the U.S. stance. The paper said the crisis in U.S.-European relations started escalating when some European states, like France, refused to stay under the U.S. umbrella during the economic conference in London last year. Quoting another stance, the paper said the European states' unwillingness to remain under the U.S. umbrella became still more apparent when it showed a lack of response to Carter's call to impose economic and commercial boycott on Iran.

Dealing with the same subject, *Okaz* said the U.S. reaction to the European move draws a question mark on U.S. efforts to bring peace between the Arabs and Israel. The paper added that the fiasco of Camp David does not at all mean that all peace efforts must be dogged simply because they adopt a line of approach which is different from U.S. action. On the

contrary, the U.S. should have felt duty-bound to support European moves, which are in harmony with the Arab wishes.

Commenting on the U.S. reaction, *Al Bilad* said the problem of the superpowers is that they realize their own ambitions but ignore the rights of others. The paper added that the American threat will not add anything new to its pro-Israeli attitude, and expressed doubts about the superpowers' interest in the realization of peace in the region.

*Al Jazirah* dealt with Arab economic aid to countries of the Third World and said that between 1961 and 1979, the countries of the Arabian Peninsula gave \$6 billion in aid to 55 countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America. With this huge amount of aid, the peninsula countries occupy second place behind the industrialized nations in extending financial and economic aid to the Third World countries.



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Al Riyadh



## Hajrah of the Zahran

## Journalist takes journey into Saudi Arabia's past

By F.W. Rawding

JEDDAH — Ahmed had frequently promised to take me to see his village and I had just often reminded him of his promise. Finally, it was God's will and we set off, but as often happens in this part of the world, a little later on the day than we had planned.

It was about half past four on a blistering afternoon when we arrived at Al Shagra, a small settlement some 250 km. south of Taif on the new Giza highway, which runs down the immense, salt-bush-dotted plain of the Thamat as Sham. We left the car there and walked down to the vast, concrete bridge spanning the wadi where we hoped to take a hired pickup truck to Hajrah. One or two came by, going in our direction and brief, unsuccessful negotiations took place on the rice of the journey.

Eventually, a brand new Hi Lux appeared and because it was after five, we agreed on 20 riyals. Our driver was a young man, lafiz, of the Ayafi, about eighteen years old. His two friends jumped into the back and we started out along the wadi towards the distant lejazi hills. Whether or not he had learned the Koran by heart, I cannot tell, for his name means a Memorizer, but Hafiz certainly knew every twist and obstacle of the track.

First it goes smoothly over the sandy plain along the broad bed of the wadi, passing between small groups of straw huts ('usha) which give the landscape a flavor of Africa. As it penetrates deeper into the hills it wanders between thick clumps of neem trees with their characteristic bright green leaves and their sweet scent. Sticks are cut from them for cleaning the teeth.

Stones and boulders soon began to replace sand in the bed of the wadi and the going became more bumpy and erratic. After about an hour we came across standing water and swamps in large numbers grazing richly on the lush greenery. There were a few small wheat fields also. Tall sidr trees, covered in heavy liage, bore colonies of noisy finches in their dead branches, some of them were wheeling the sky in search of insects.

Now the sting had gone out of the sun. The hills, much closer now, were gathering an evening mist. There was a macerous brilliance the rosy sky and a full moon was palely shining. Hurrying on, we noticed that the terrain was more rocky and harrow. Only a few orn trees and prickly pears relieved its monotony. In the blessedly cool twilight, a x, known in these parts as Abo Hassan, walked quickly across the track in front of us, his tail held out stiffly, his thin, grey body ideoc of a shortage of prey. Ahmed said there are also baboons among the rocks and scorpions and snakes. In the distance, we caught sight of the twinkling lights of Hejrah d we came up to the village, set among re, forbidding granite outcrops, two hours from leaving the main road.

We paid Hafiz and, wishing him a safe journey home, walked up a rocky path to Ahmed's uncle's house. Approaching, Ahmed called out, "Is Abdullah at home?" and a young voice replied, "Welcome!" down the path came Hayas to greet us with a handshake and a kiss.

It was now almost dark. Rugs and cushions were set out on a level place below the house and an oil lamp was lit. The moon was high in the sky and looming above our majlis was the dark, square outline of an ancient fort. Two others, more distant, were visible on the tops of hills in silhouette against the silvery, cloud-streaked sky. Abdullah came to bid us welcome and to ask Ahmed his latest news. Abdullah, the youngest son, busied himself with the tea. Then a shot and a shout rang out and soon Sayid came panting up the hill holding a large hare in one hand and an old 'banuq' in the other. He had shot it cleanly in the head. Nothing was wasted of the five riyals of the cartridge cost.

We sat talking and drinking our mint tea and Abdullah told me about his love of this land and of this land where he had been born, his fathers had before him. He is a man of some 48 years, prematurely aged by hard



HAJRAH WADI: The distant Hejazi hills in the background lend an air of mystery to an area once traveled only by the Bedouin. The wide sky and rocky terrain set the mood for a journey into the past.

work in a harsh place. He has three sons and three daughters, a little land which produces a thin crop of cereal, some twenty goats and a small shop down in the suq. Sayid, his eldest son, is 20, spare, small boned, fine featured, with the beginnings of a beard. He runs the shop. Hayas, the second son, is seventeen, humorous, a pupil at the middle school. Little Abdol Rahman, nine years old, bird-like and talkative, is learning how to read and write.

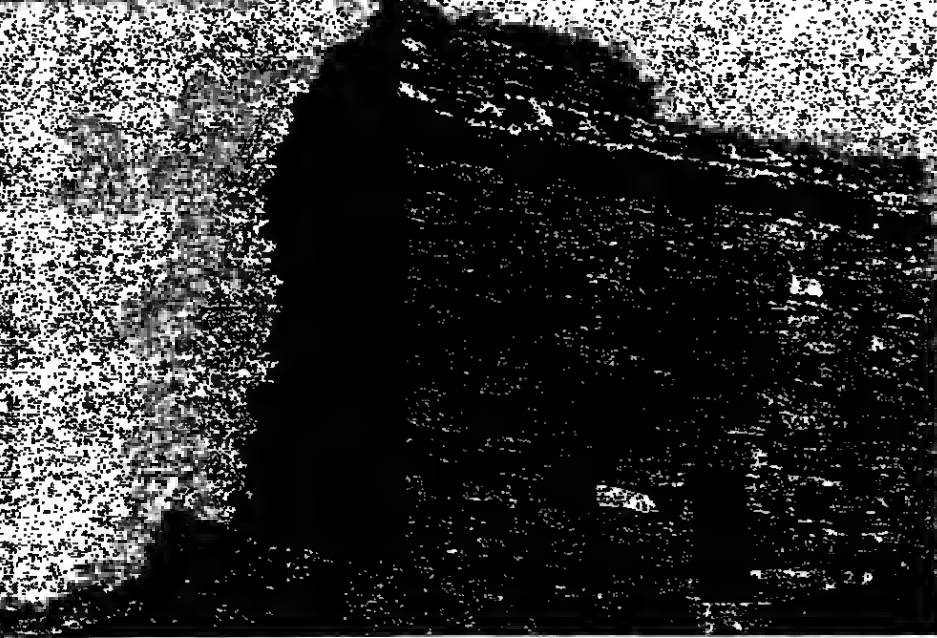
Hajrah is a community spread out from the suq along the valley, which consists, according to Abdullah, of at least ten thousand souls. The Amir is Zamil. The suq is small and crowded with new concrete buildings jostling for space among the more beautiful rough hewn stone ones. There is, of course, a mosque, a new middle school, a primary school, a dispensary and a few public buildings. It is one of the villages of the Zahran, traditionally a warlike tribe, of whom half were settled pastoralists and the remainder, Bedouin.

Now they are nearly all settled, making their living either in trade or in animal husbandry. The land supports only a little cereal

and oil seed (simsim). The country has been opened up by the Giza highway which makes Mecca, Ta'if and Jeddah easily accessible. There are many trucks in the village and the pattern of life is rapidly changing. Young men are looking for employment elsewhere and the secondary school, at Al Lith, not only takes them away home but opens up opportunities for a better life than their fathers enjoyed. There is nevertheless among all of them, young and old, an emotion of attachment to the land, however ungenerous it is and a love of the space and tranquility of this rocky landscape.

In its turn, the country produces the virtues of endurance and simplicity in its people. We dined well on freshly baked flat bread, a spicy muttons stew and apricots from the Hejaz. We drank that most cherished of beverages among the Arabs, bail, which is coffee flavored with cardamom.

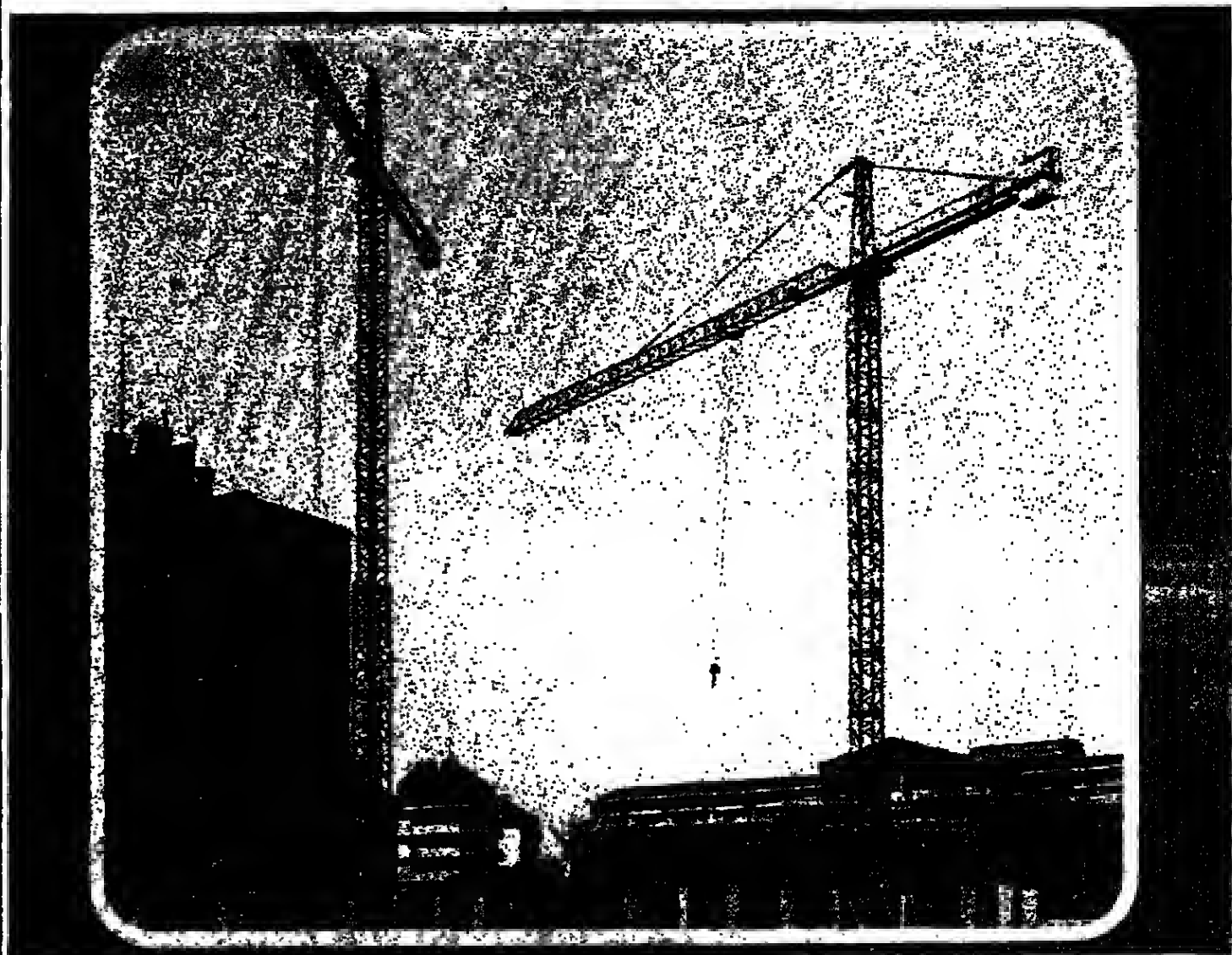
The night had grown cool and a grateful breeze arose. When we finally stopped talking and went to sleep under the moon and the glittering stars, it was necessary to pull up a covering to keep off the chill.



OLD AND NEW: The new tires in the upper picture, still wrapped in factory casings, contrast with the old building behind, which itself stands out from more modern structures in Hajrah. The lower photo shows an old fort, or gale.



TRADITIONAL SUQ: Saudi Arabia is a land of traditions, and the suq is one tradition that has changed little over time, though some modern goods are offered for sale. This photo shows a corner of the suq at Hajrah.



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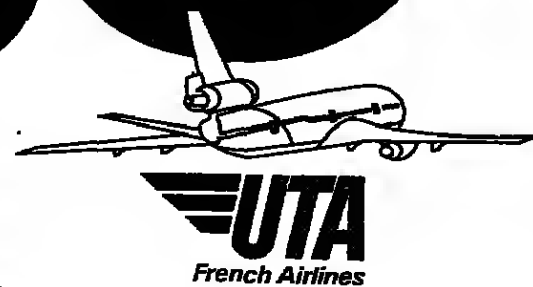
HAYAS: At 17, he represents the cultural crossroads many Saudi Arabians are facing. Though his home is two hours' drive from the main road, Hayas attends a modern school.

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## 'The Sound of the Islands'

# Filipino community to stage musical show

By Jacqueline Elmaleh

In the Philippines there is always cause for celebration and the Jeddah Filipino community is keeping up that tradition with "The Sound of the Islands". The two hour musical production of songs and dances will be presented Thursday evening at the Players' Playhouse.

A portrayal of the history of the Philippines through ethnic music, classical dance and colorful costumes, the production is the outcome of the combined efforts of some 50 members of the Filipino Cultural and Theatrical Association. Formed six months ago, the cultural association is headed by Jay Ibot, an industrious young man of 23 whose hard work and determination have put the show on stage. Jay is director, choreographer and leading dancer in the extravaganza.

Jay's experience in cultural shows goes back a long way. Already dancing at the age of two, the apex of his theatrical career came in 1972 when he with two other dancers were chosen by the Philippine government to represent his country in the "Songs of Asia" world tour. A history of Asia presented through classical dance, the production case of 60 people from 26 Asian and Pacific countries toured the globe for three and a half years.

When Jay left the troupe to study in London and work as a journalist he found he couldn't keep his dancing shoes off. He soon began organizing musical productions among the Filipino community there. It was only natural for Jay to think of organizing productions when he came to Saudi Arabia last year. He presented the idea to the Philippines ambassador to the Kingdom, Lininding Pangandaman, who gave his enthusiastic support.

"There are 110,000 Filipinos living in Saudi Arabia and this kind of entertainment is good for the community," Ibot said at a recent dress rehearsal for Thursday evening's show. "Filipinos love music and dance, it's part of our cultural heritage. There are actually several whole families that are involved



SONG AND DANCE: The festive mood of "The Sound of the Islands" is carried along by the Rondalla string band, pictured above, with Rolando Quiambo playing the guitar with a hot hand. Shown below are incense bearers from an Igorot tribal ceremony.



DIRECTOR: Jay Ibot brings a wealth of experience to his duties as director, choreographer and leading dancer of Thursday's musical extravaganza based on the colorful history of the Philippine Islands development.

in the production of "Sound of the Islands." George and Angelita Cordova, whose two sons are singing and dancing in the show, have both worked hard. George in stage production and Angelita in making the costumes with the assistance of the other ladies. The husband and wife team also take part in the performance.

The songs and dances of "Sound of the Islands" are traditional, but the arrangement of steps and music are Jay's inspiration, no doubt drawn from his experience in professional international productions. The performance, which has a cast of 30, begins with a journey through the islands by boat, each part of the stage representing a different area of the Philippines, the grass huts of the north, the Islamic architecture of the south and the totems of the east and central region.

A medley of varied songs and dances opens the show, sparkling with the flavor of the Philippines. The opening number is highlighted by the melodious voice of Rose Rana, accompanied by the "Rondalla," an all string band including a handoria, and instrument best described as a twelve string mandolin.

The second scene represents a primitive ceremony of the Igorot tribe. The haunting sound of the bamboo nose flute introduces incense bearers and ceremonial dancers. There are 49 ethnic groups in the 7,109 islands of the Philippines. The Igorots, found in the northern island, are famous for their centuries old towering rice terraces.

The primitive ceremony is followed by a fast paced number depicting the planting and harvesting season for rice, the staple food of the islands. The act features the planting dance, the harvest festival and the thanksgiving stick dance.

Next, in historical sequence, the 333-year Spanish influence is introduced by the har dance, starring Jay Ibot and Elizabeth Suarez. No novice to classical dance, Elizabeth performed on Philippine television before coming to Saudi Arabia. Both Elizabeth and Jay excel in this number. In fact, the entire Spanish era segment is a shining spot in the program. The scene includes the sprightly castnet dance and the romantic candle dance performed by ladies with candles on their heads and in both hands.

But the most typical display of the allure of the tropic isles is the Pacific dances and action songs. Beginning the second half of the production are the lovely bula-bula dancers, who create images with their hands. Ten-year-old Alethea Rana outshines her professional elders in this performance.

Another young talent in "Sound of the Islands" is Rolando Quiambo, 25, a recent arrival in Saudi Arabia.

"The Sound of the Islands" has one performance only at 8 p.m. at the Players' Playhouse. Tickets are SR20 and can be obtained at the door or through Mrs. Rose Rana at the Philippine Embassy.

## Botanist to speak

Dr. Nahih Baeshin, a botanist and faculty member of King Abdul Aziz University's department of Biology, will be the guest speaker at the next meeting of the Saudi Arabian Natural History Society.

The society will meet at 8 p.m. on Sat. June 7 at the USGS compound near Spencer's Restaurant off Medina Road South. His subject will be the flora of Saudi Arabia.



HARVEST DANCE: One of the show's colorful dances, the harvest dance celebrates the rice gathering and threshing work that produces the Philippines staple food.



ANGRY MEN: The 1956 film version of the play "Twelve Angry Men" starring actor Henry Fonda as the conscience of a jury involved in controversial deliberation Pakistan's Saad Amanullah Khan took over the role in the recent University of Petroleum and Minerals' production in Dhahran.

## Dhahran play big success

By Gregory Llewellyn

DHAHRAN, June 2 — The first-ever production of an English language play to be sponsored by the Students' Union of the University of Petroleum and Minerals (UPM) was staged last week in the university's building 10 auditorium.

Playing before a near-capacity audience of students, staff and invited guests, an international cast of student actors presented Reginald Rose's "Twelve Angry Men."

Like others of Rose's plays, this one was written for television. The drama, which deals with the frequently tempestuous deliberations of an all-male jury having retired to consider its verdict on a murder case, reflects the playwright's concern for freedom of speech and his perception of the role prejudice plays in the process by which people arrive at their conclusions.

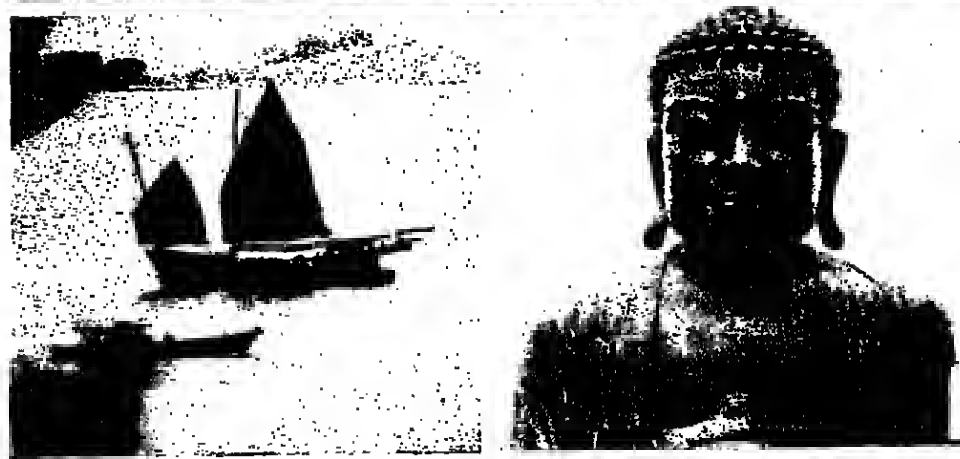
The 12 students who acted in the play undertook the project on their own initiative toward the beginning of the present academic year. Osin Sinuat, a freshman from the Philippines, directed the production and acted the role of the jury fore-

man. Faculty advisor for the play was Martin Drury, a new member of the faculty who came to UPM from Ahway, in where he taught for 3 years. Drury's ical experience at the amateur level encompasses work in his native America as well as in Iran and Greece.

"What is perhaps most notable about the play is the beneficial effect it has had on the student's English, audience as well as performers," Drury told Arab News.

As the tempo of rehearsals picked during the weeks prior to performance, the students — one of whom was recruited as late as five days before opening night — developed sufficient understanding of conflict to place themselves in the dramatic context of the play. They coped successfully both with the concept of the jury system and the racial prejudices which informed some of the jurors' opinions.

A 1956 film version of "Twelve Angry Men" starred Henry Fonda as the juror who, with patience and logical argument wins over his fellow jurors to his conviction that a reasonable doubt of the defendant's guilt exists. The role in the UPM student production was played with by Pakistan's Saad Amanullah Khan.



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# Explosions damage Africa refineries

ANNESBURG, June 2 (AP) — Explosions ripped through three South African refineries late Sunday — including one of the world's most sophisticated synthetic fuel plants — in what authorities described as a guerrilla attack.

A guard was wounded in the shoulder when he was confronted by an unidentified man who was armed with a rifle, the South African Coal, Gas Corporation said early Monday.

Sasol spokesman said explosions hit at least two fuel storage tanks, causing large fires. He said officials called in fire fighters from kilometers away. Fires were under control early Monday but the Sasol plant said production was unaffected at the time.

Managing director of Sasol J.A. Stegmann said that the explosions at Sasol One, a synthetic fuel refinery in the city of Sasolburg, 75 kilometers south of Johannesburg, blowing up at least five

storage tanks. Sasol One, which went on line in 1955, produced 10 to 15 per cent of South Africa's oil needs.

At Nafref refinery, a conventional complex three kilometers away from Sasol One, a guard was wounded and at least three tanks — including two holding volatile aviation fuel — were blown up.

Sasol Two, a plant six times the size of Sasol One, in Secunda, is still being built, but is partially operational. There, two explosions rocked a processing plant at its latest oil-to-oil refinery. But Sasol spokesman said no fires broke out and that damage was slight there.

Stegmann gave this official account of the explosions:

"Regular patrols found an opening in the security fence at Sasol One at 11:40 p.m. near the tank farm. While they were investigating the hold, the first explosion occurred. A big petrol tank, two smaller ones and a butane tank were demolished.



Prime Minister Cossiga

## Corruption inquiry looms Cossiga coalition threatened

ROME, June 2 (R) — Italy's Communist party leadership meets in Rome Monday to decide whether to press for a full inquiry into allegations that Prime Minister Francesco Cossiga helped an urban guerrilla suspect to escape arrest.

The Communists, seeking gains in important regional elections, have already made clear they are dissatisfied with a parliamentary commission's decision to drop the issue against Cossiga, indicating a belief that there was no case to answer. The party directorate is expected to insist that full inquiry is held. This could trigger

the fall of Cossiga's two-month-old coalition government, political observers said.

Several left-wing and right-wing politicians have already called on Cossiga to resign. The prime minister insisted he had a clear conscience.

The major row blew up when a self-confessed urban guerrilla accused Cossiga of tipping off Christian Democratic politician Carlo Donat Cattin that his son Marco, believed to be a leader of a guerrilla group, was about to be arrested.

Marco Donat Cattin has since disappeared and is believed to have gone abroad.

## U.S. primary season to close today

LOS ANGELES, June 2 (R) — The presidential primary campaign ended Monday with President Jimmy Carter on the verge of achieving victory and Senator Edward Kennedy working for a political miracle in California.

To most political analysts, Tuesday's final round of eight Democratic primary elections looms as an anti-climax to a four-month campaign in which Carter has scored 53 wins in 25 popular elections. By most counts, the president has already collected nearly all of the 1,666 delegates he needs to win formal nomination at the party's nominating convention in August.

Tuesday's voting is almost certain to put him well over the top, with 696 delegates to be distributed and the president likely to win a good share of them in big states like Ohio and California.

On the Republican side, the finale has been a mere formality. Former California Governor Ronald Reagan has eliminated all his major rivals and faces no opposition at the minority party's July convention.

But among the Democrats, Kennedy, who started the campaign with a two-to-one opinion poll edge and saw the voters erase it in state after state, campaigned to the end in California. He insisted victory here and in a few other states would make him strong enough to challenge Carter at the convention.

His strategy rested on doing reasonably well in Ohio, Montana, New Mexico, Rhode Island, South Dakota and West Virginia and, above all, winning California in the west and New Jersey in the east. In a televised interview Sunday, Kennedy said he believed Tuesday (final primary day) was the last time the Democrats were going to be an opportunity to express their dissent against high interest rates, high rates of inflation and high unemployment.

## Cuban refugees riot at U.S. transit camp

FORT CHAFFEE, Arkansas, June 2 (AP) — At least four people were hospitalized Sunday when frustrated Cuban refugees rioted at a transit camp here following a failed breakout attempt.

After the 300 would-be escapees were brought back inside the camp, where more than 18,000 refugees are being temporarily housed, some 200 of them got inside the military perimeter defended by national guardsmen, who fired about 20 shots.

Three refugees were taken to hospital with bullet wounds and a fourth with a knife wound. Five civilian administrators and a dozen national guardsmen were hurt by flying stones.



Prime Minister Ohira

## Ohira recovering after heart attack

TOKYO, June 2 (AP) — Prime Minister Masayoshi Ohira had a mild heart attack Friday night and will have to remain in the hospital for about a week, his doctors at Tokyo's Toranomon Hospital said Monday.

The 70-year-old prime minister was taken to hospital Friday night after complaining of fatigue and an irregular pulse. His doctors said in a medical bulletin Monday: "Mr. Ohira is suffering from stricture of the heart. But he is responding well to treatment. There is extremely little possibility of his condition to worsen in the future."

Ohira, in a statement issued from the hospital, said Monday morning he was determined to regain health as soon as possible to try to lead his ruling Liberal-Democratic party to victory in the general election June 22.

## Royal furniture sold

MONTE CARLO, June 2 (AP) — The furniture of a former Maharajah helped to make the first spring sale organized here by the London-based auction house of Sotheby a record success.

The 62 lots of furniture dating from the 1930s which belonged to the Maharajah of Indore went for just over a million dollars.

## Sectarian battlefield Belfast faced with hate-filled future

BELFAST, June 2 (AP) — Eleven years after centuries-old sectarian strife in the self-governing British province of Northern Ireland finally developed into virtual war, its capital, Belfast, is today a city without a future.

What in 1968 began ostensibly as a civil rights campaign by Ulster's Catholic minority escalated in the following year into a full-scale offensive designed to withdraw the six counties from the United Kingdom and unite them with the 26 counties of the neighboring Irish Republic.

Against that continuing offensive, waged by the insurgent underground Irish Republican Army (IRA) and its extremist offshoot, the Provisional IRA, the efforts of over 20,000 regular British troops, the part-time Ulster Defense Regiment, and the Royal Ulster Constabulary (RUC) have been largely unavailing.

The crux of the crisis — the traditional ruling Protestant majority's refusal even to share power with the Catholics on equal terms, let alone contemplate a union with Catholic Eire — is apparently without solution, and Belfast, at the hub of the troubles, shows the marks of the past embattled decade and its continuing sequels. With gunfire and death the twin facts of daily life, few if any of the city's 360,000 citizens still cling to the hope of seeing an end to the struggle in their lifetime.

Talk of a political solution is met here with somber scepticism by members of both communities, notwithstanding last month's lengthy London meeting between British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Eire Prime Minister Charles Haughey.

Since the bomb murders last August of Lord Louis Mountbatten, the queen's cousin, while in holiday in the west of Ireland and

those of 18 British troops on patrol at Warrenpoint, the Provisional IRA appears to have suspended spectacular forms of slaughter.

But the routine killings go on. No day passes in Belfast without a bombing or a shooting. In the press the following morning — be it the Protestant *Belfast News Letter* or the Catholic *Irish News* — there are the inevitable matching reports: a policeman gunned down by the Provos (Provisional IRA) in north Belfast, or in west Belfast a band of thrill-seeking Catholic youths machine-gunned by British troops after driving a stolen car through a road block.

None but a newcomer to the city nowadays stops to stare, appalled, at a blasted facade, the burnt-out carcass of a taxi, or at the bricked-up doors and windows of a row of derelict houses in the no-man's land marking the frontier zone between a Catholic and a Protestant street, where on by an infantry section or a police patrol car will dare to venture.

Most public buildings, as a precaution against bullets and bomb blast, are bedged around by grey concrete walls, the windows masked by steel grids. Despite this sort of precaution, Belfast's biggest hotel, the Europa, has been hit 22 times by IRA bomb blasts, and methodically restored after each attempt — at the British taxpayer's expense.

Entering a department store, a restaurant, or even a plain public house, is to be subjected to a body search by security guards, a soldier, or RUC man. Security has incidentally developed into a prosperous national industry in economically blighted Belfast, where four workers in every 10 are on the dole.

After dark the center city and business section of Belfast around Donegal Square and city hall abruptly become a deserted "no-go area", a zone only entered by the army, whether British or Irish Republican.

Since the British government assumed control of Northern Ireland's administration in 1972, there have been numerous attempts to bolster Ulster's depressed economy by pumping in millions of pounds to create new industries and jobs.

## Personal triumph Gandhi choices sweep poll

DELHI, June 2 (R) — Indian voters, going to Prime Minister Indira Gandhi for a second time in five months, have given her a crushing victory in state assembly elections. Her Congress party was poised to capture four state legislatures to add to the 17 it won Sunday when counting began.

Gandhi's bid for a clean sweep of all 17 states being contested was thwarted only by victory of outgoing Chief Minister M. Chandrababu Naidu in southern Tamil Nadu, where 60 people died in violence during the election on Wednesday and Saturday last.

The result was a huge personal triumph for Gandhi in her first big electoral test since she regained power in general elections in 1979. Her Congress party gained a majority in Gujarat, Orissa, Rajasthan and Punjab.

The party was building up overwhelming majorities in Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Bihar. Full results were to be given Congress control of 13 of 22 states, to go with its majority of 269 seats in the lower house of parliament.

Elections were called after Mrs. Gandhi dismissed the governments of all nine states in February.

The extent of the Congress victory further

strengthens the position of Mrs. Gandhi's 33-year-old son Sanjay. He handpicked most of the party's candidates, putting the emphasis on young activists.

During the campaign, Mrs. Gandhi promised action to cut prices, ease shortages of essential goods and improve law and order. However, only half of the 245 million eligible voters turned out.

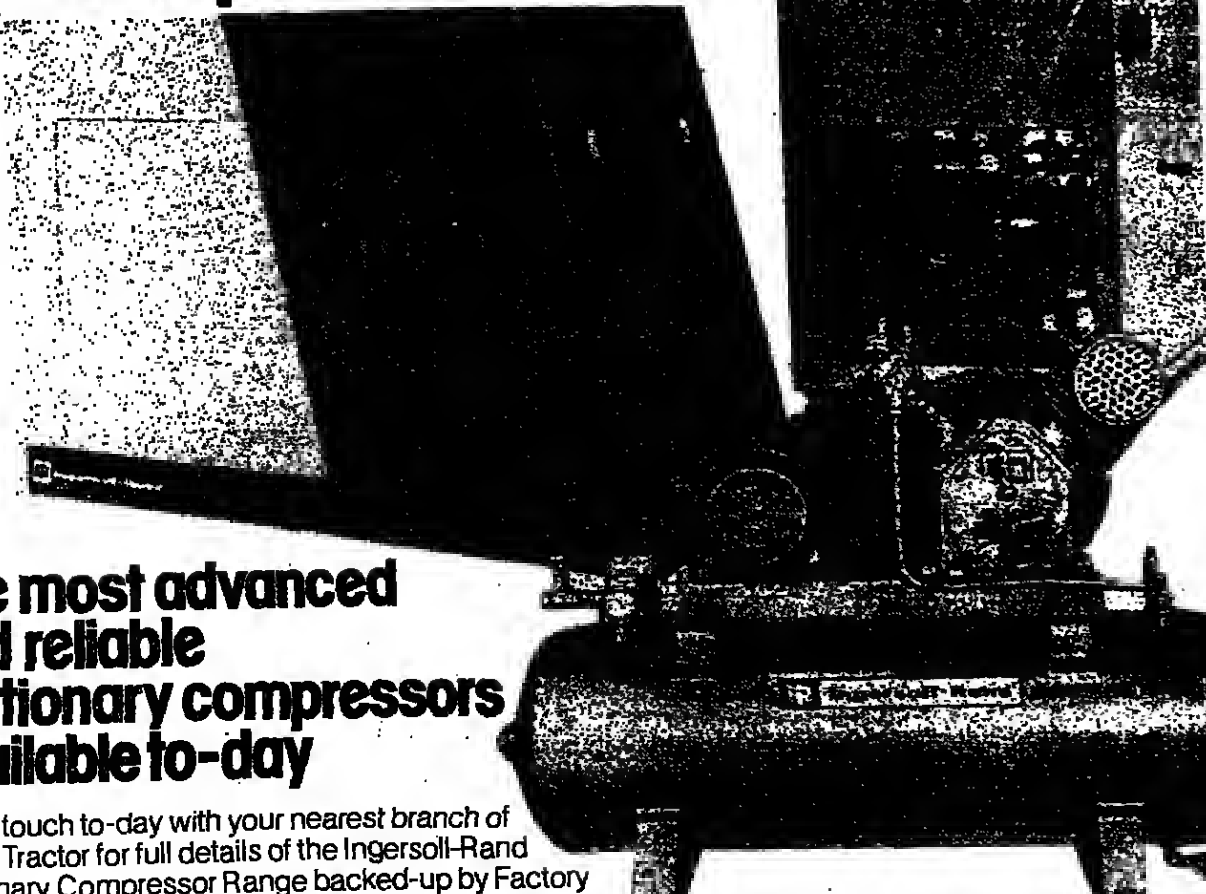
In India's north-eastern Assam state, Mrs. Gandhi's popularity seemed at a new low as students rejected an appeal from her government and opposition leaders to end their eight-month-old campaign to expel illegal immigrants.

## Taipei sentences 32

TAIPEI, June 2 (AP) — A Taipei civilian court on Monday sentenced 32 dissidents to jail terms ranging from one to more than six years for using violence and injuring 18 police and soldiers in a riot in southern Taiwan last December.

One person was acquitted and 22 others were sentenced to six years, including Chou Ping-Teb, who was charged with leading anti-government demonstrators at the southern port city of Kaohsiung, a court official said.

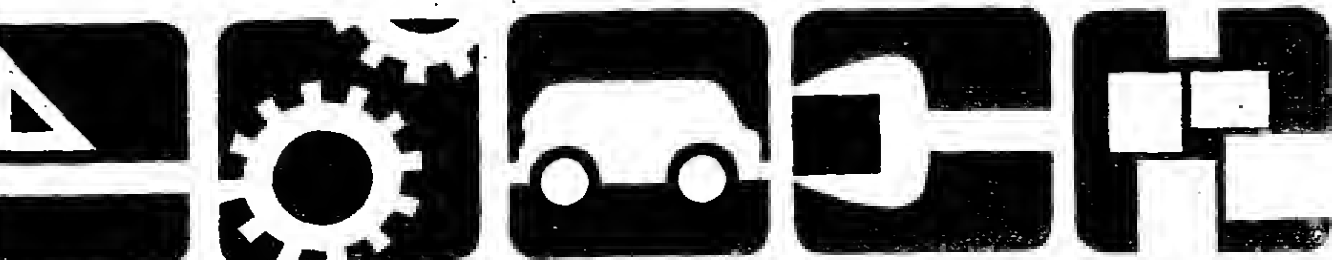
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## American factories o.k.'d for China military sales

WASHINGTON, June 2 (LAT) — Secretary of Defense Harold Brown told visiting Chinese Vice Premier Geng Biao Thursday that Washington would permit American firms to build factories in China to produce U.S.-designed helicopters and computer equipment.

At the conclusion of three days of talks between Geng and U.S. officials, Brown also said that the United States has authorized American firms to sell China a wide variety of military equipment such as transport aircraft, air defense radar, trucks, military communications gear and equipment for testing jet aircraft engines. Although many details have not yet been worked out, the agreement marks the most important step yet taken in the emerging military relationship between the two powers who have been at odds since the Korean War. Brown, standing beside Geng, told reporters that the purchase of U.S. military support equipment would enhance China's overall military capability. But the secretary of Defense insisted that the United States had no intention of forging a formal military alliance with Peking, a step that would imply an American obligation to come to the aid for China if it were attacked.

"This is not a military alliance," Brown said. "The United States and the PRC (People's Republic of China) are friends. It is possible to be friends without being allies." Nevertheless, Brown said the two countries "see the geo-strategic situation in very similar terms in a number of parts of the world, in fact, in most parts of the world."

Geng, one of several Chinese vice premiers and the chairman of the Communist Party's military committee, indicated that his country wants to push the relationship between the two nations even further than the United States is presently prepared to go.

Asked if China wants to buy weapons as well as military support equipment, Geng

said much sales were not now possible, a reference to U.S. policy prohibiting the sale of lethal arms to either China or the Soviet Union.

"I believe there might be such a possibility (of China buying American weapons) in the future," Geng said. "The friendly relations between our two countries will be developed step by step in each passing day."

It is now up to China to negotiate specific deals with private American companies. Unlike non-Communist nations such as Israel and Egypt, which are permitted to buy military equipment directly from the U.S. government, any transactions with China will be handled on a straight commercial basis.

A Pentagon spokesman, Thomas B. Ross, said that specific items and the names of the companies involved would not be made public until the deals are final.

Defense officials declined to estimate the dollar value of the deals, except to say they could exceed several hundred million dollars.

Chinese officials have said they hope to equip their military forces primarily with Chinese-manufactured weaponry. China considers imported arms to be generally too expensive.

The agreement to permit U.S. firms to establish factories in China gives the Chinese the best of both worlds. The plants will turn out advanced items that are beyond present Chinese technology, but most of the labor will be Chinese and the factories will be on Chinese territory.

Defense officials said that American technicians would help run the plants for an indefinite period, but that ultimately the factories would be turned over to Chinese control.

Geng, who leaves Friday for a quick tour of other American cities, was invited to the United States to repay a visit that Brown made to China last January. Brown said that Thursday's agreements were made in principle during his talks in Peking, but that specific matters were worked out this week.

## Hunts can keep, buy more silver despite heavy losses

WASHINGTON, June 2 (WP) — The Hunts of Texas will be able to hold on to their vast hoard of silver and buy still more under terms of the \$1 billion bail-out loan package they have negotiated with a group of the nation's biggest banks, it was disclosed in congressional hearings Thursday.

Part of the loan money will be used to buy silver under a contract the Hunts signed some time ago. Federal Reserve Board Chairman Paul A. Volcker told the Senate Banking Committee.

Since last June, the Hunts have purchased at least 106 million ounces of silver, it was revealed in a commodity futures trading commission report made public by Sen. Donald L. Stewart, D-Ala. The report is the first accounting of how

much silver the Hunts collected in their silver buying spree. It includes only their purchases on the U.S. futures market, and does not count silver bought overseas.

Under questioning by Stewart, Volcker admitted for the first time, that the Hunts will be able to make at least one more purchase of silver using money from their controversial loan.

Volcker said the loan permits the Hunts to make good on a "forward contract" they signed to buy silver. He did not say how much silver the contract will give to the Hunts.

Volcker assured the banking committee that the loan agreement will prevent the Hunts from continuing the speculate in silver and will require them to sell of present holdings.

## Business in Cambodia Improvization keeps textile mill running

PHNOM PENH — The electric looms came to life mornings at 7:30 at Russey Keo textile factory. Their operators, mostly women, keep the 200 old machines clattering until 11:30, then in the afternoon start them up for another four-hour shift. If things go well, Russey Keo will turn out about 2,000 yards of cotton cloth during the day.

But things often go wrong. Power failures silence the entire factory. Wheels and levers in looms installed in the 1950s and 1960s give out. Repairmen spend trying to improvise replacement parts that will get the ancient machines operating again.

Despite it all, Russey Keo functions. The newly woven cloth goes on to be steamed, dyed and printed with bright batik patterns.

Sold in state-owned stores, it reduces by a fraction the black market trade with Thailand, the largest source of clothing for Cambodia.

Sixteen months after it took control of Phnom Penh, the Heng Samrin government claims to have reopened 63 of the city's more than 100 factories. Production is still tiny, but it could play an important role in reconstruction. Already Cambodian plants are producing fishnets, watering cans for farmers and bicycles, for instance.

Sources familiar with Phnom Penh's industrial policy say that covering production shortfalls in Vietnam is another reason for the race to restart factories. Already Cambodian-made batteries and water pumps

have been quietly exported to Vietnam, they say.

At some factories the focus is on luxury goods. Government planners apparently thought Cambodians deserved a taste of the old life and would be reassured that normal times lie ahead. Thus, soft drink and cigarette plants were among the first to reopen.

In the 1960s and early 1970, private investors built a series of small but often very modern factories in Phnom Penh. Production stopped when the Khmer Rouge captured and emptied the city in 1975. Soldiers sealed the factories' doors and made amateur attempts to cover machinery to prevent rusting. During the next four years, about 65 of the city's more than 100 factories were restarted, one-by-one, by the Khmer Rouge.

In January 1979, with Vietnamese forces closing in on the city, the Khmer Rouge turned on the machines they had repaired, destroying as many as possible before fleeing. Russey Keo was among the few textile plants to escape major damage.

Heng Samrin officials inspecting it early in 1979 found it had produced plain black cloth, the traditional garb of the Cambodian peasant, turned into a national uniform by the Khmer Rouge. A large supply of Chinese cotton yarn, the factory's raw material had been left behind.

The factory had another stroke of good fortune. Its prewar technical director, Tie Chiv Ky, 46, had survived the Khmer Rouge

## Balanced budget goal faces defense outlay obstacles

WASHINGTON, June 2 (LAT) — The House, heeding President Carter's wishes, rejected a defense-oriented budget Thursday but then partly reversed itself later by endorsing a military spending figure that the president said was too high.

Acting by a decisive 242-141 margin, the House scuttled the \$ 613.3 billion spending plan proposed by Senate and House negotiators for the fiscal year starting Oct. 1. Later, with many members absent or not voting, the House shunted its approval of the \$ 153.7 billion defense outlay that was in the compromise resolution.

Because the key issue in the first vote was the objection by Carter and other top Democrats to the size of the proposed military outlays, the outcome of the two votes confused almost everyone. A Senate and House conference will try to work out a new compromise bill this week.

Ninety-seven Democrats and 44 Republicans voted for the compromise worked out in a week of turbulent Senate-House bargaining. But 146 Democrats and 96 Republicans combined to scuttle the first balanced budget resolution in the six-year history of the congressional budgeting process.

The vote came only hours after the nation's top military leaders testified before a house armed services subcommittee that they favored more funds for defense than the budget resolution allowed.

"I would vote for a higher defense budget," Gen. David Jones, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, said. Top commanders of the various armed services echoed that view, although Carter said this week that the proposed resolution would provide more money than the military could use.

The Joint Chiefs of Staff broke publicly with their commander-in-chief Thursday by declaring Carter's new defense budget is not big enough to meet the Soviet threat.

The chiefs were dragged into the battle of the budget by Rep. Samuel S. Stratton, D-N.Y., who called them before his House armed services investigations subcommittee to give their personal opinions on how much is enough for guns.

"Right now we have a hollow Army" responded Gen. E.C. Meyer, Army Chief of staff, in what turned out to be the bluntest response. "I don't believe the current budget responds to the Army's needs for the 1980s. There's a tremendous shortfall in the ability to modernize quickly" in response to the Soviet threat.

Many lawmakers said they were concerned that the budget did not contain enough funds for social programs that would be needed as the economy tumbles into recession this year.

"I challenge the assumption that America cannot defend itself without taking money away from the needy and the destitute," said Rep. Claude Pepper, D-Fla. "We're not that destitute."

On the other hand, Rep. Robert N. Giallino, D-Conn., chairman of the House Budget Committee, lambasted the vote, saying: "If the liberals are unhappy with the budget for one reason and the conservatives are unhappy with it for another reason, God help the American people, but that's where we are now."

Some Republicans said overall federal spending is too high and opposed the budget

resolution because it did not provide for a tax cut.

"You can't balance the budget by raising unemployment," said Rep. Jack Kemp, R-N.Y., a proponent of large tax reductions. "This is going back to Herbert Hoover if you pass this budget and throw more people out of work."

The issue sharply divided the Democratic ranks, with Speaker Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill Jr., D-Mass., joining Carter in opposition to the budget resolution, while Rep. Jim Wright, D-Texas, the House majority leader, spoke for it.

Five Democrats on the House Negotiating Committee team with the Senate split with Giallino and their House colleagues, refusing to sign the compromise on grounds that it provided too much money for defense at the expense of such social projects as government training and job programs.

The five were Rep. Leon Panetta, D-Calif., Rep. Timothy Wirth, D-Colo., Rep. William Brodhead, D-Mich., Rep. Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., and Rep. Norman Mineta, D-Calif.

"The aim of this self-styled 'gang of five' was to defeat the resolution and attempt to change some of the spending priorities in renewed bargaining with a Senate delegation led by Sen. Ernest F. Hollings, D-S.C."

In addition to the administration and O'Neill, about 130 national organizations, including labor, church, health, education and civil rights groups, opposed the resolution in intensive lobbying efforts.

Hollings, angered by Carter's 11th-hour opposition to the compromise resolution, said the president's action was "outrageous and deplorable."

"He doesn't want a balanced budget," Hollings said. "He wants a campaign budget."

Giallino said that the defense spending limit of \$ 153.7 billion was only \$ 600 million above the amount that it would take to pay for Carter's military programs and only \$ 200 million above the level that would have been acceptable to the five dissidents.

O'Neill told reporters that the resolution should be defeated and re-negotiated. "Too many things in there (the budget) go against the philosophy of the Democratic Party and my wing of the party," O'Neill said.

The proposed agreement provided \$ 171.3 billion in budget authority for defense, allowing government officials to obligate but not spend that sum in fiscal 1981. This would be a 19 per cent increase over the figure for the present fiscal year. After taking inflation into account, the increase would be 9 per cent from fiscal 1980 to 1981.

Defenders of the compromise said the target figures for military purposes were not unreasonable because the Pentagon has been neglected in the past and the Soviet Union's military power is growing.

Critics argued that the figures were too high in view of the restraints imposed by the budget on subsidized housing, fuel assistance to the needy, public service jobs, mass transit and school aid programs.

The defeated resolution provided for a precarious surplus of \$ 500 million, but many economists believe that would be eroded by higher outlays for jobless benefits and welfare in the event of a severe recession.

## U.S. seizes British cars

WASHINGTON, June 2 (WP) — U.S. customs agents have seized 18 hand-made British TVR sports cars and filed unusual criminal charges against their owner for allegedly importing cars that don't meet federal pollution and safety standards.

Importer Pierre J. Arquin of McClean, Va., was charged with eight federal felony violations in indictments handed down Wednesday by a federal grand jury in Baltimore. Also named in the indictment was TVR Engineering Ltd. of Blackpool, England, one of the world's smallest car manufacturers.

Customs officials said the eight-count indictment against the car maker and its U.S. importer was the first criminal case of its kind.

Arquin and TVR were charged with falsely telling customs officials the TVR roadsters met U.S. Department of Transportation bumper standards and carried all the pollution control equipment required by the environmental protection agency.

The tiny TVR factory — some many American auto dealerships — a few hundred hand-built sports cars. About 125 of the \$ 20,000, 140-hp cars were shipped to the United States last year, Arquin said.

Arquin called the indictments "a prosecution of a highly vulnerable defenseless company."

The indictments charge Arquin falsely certified the cars met federal standards. The federal statutes under which he was charged carry penalties of years in jail, plus fines.

Officials of the National Highway Transportation Agency said TVR once exemption from federal bumper but the exemption ran out in 1977 requires auto bumpers to survive a one-hour crash with minimal damage.

Arquin said the criminal charges "ridiculous" and said customs agents his office and drove off in a quarter dollar's worth of cars — some with down — as "evidence in the case."

"They came in with guns and talkies and had people on every door. We were dangerous, 29-year-old auto importer."

The indictments claim 28 TVR, open-topped roadsters, did not meet standards. Customs officers seized worth an estimated \$ 270,000, and picked up three more from Pennsylvania and New York. The cars were delivered to their owners' said.

## Foreign Exchange

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U.S. Dollar	3.33	3.33
Pound Sterling	7.82	7.81
Deutsche Mark (100)	188.00	187.50
Swiss F (100)	202.00	201.50
French F (100)	81.00	80.50
Italian Lira (10,000)	40.00	40.25
Lebanese Lira (100)	98.50	98.50
Syrian Lira (100)	76.75	76.75
Egyptian Pound	4.25	4.25
Kuwaiti Dinar	12.45	12.45
Jordanian Dinar	11.35	11.35
Emirate Dinar (100)	90.35	90.35
Qatari Riyal (100)	91.35	91.35
Bahraini Dinar	8.85	8.85
Iranian Riyal (100)	73.75	73.75
Iraqi Dinar (100)	86.00	86.00
Yemeni Riyal (100)	73.75	73.75
Moroccan Dirham (100)	86.00	86.00
Indian Rupee (100)	73.75	73.75
Pakistani Rupee (100)	86.00	86.00
Turkish Lira (1000)	45.45	45.45
Gold kg.	61,500	61,500
10 Tola bar	7,180.00	7,180.00
Silver kg.		
Japanese Yen (1,000)	14.90	14.90
Canadian Dollar	2.87	2.87
Belgian Franc (1,000)	117.00	117.00
Dutch Guilder (1,000)	171.00	171.00
Spanish Peso	50.00	50.00
Greek Drachma (1,000)	81.00	81.00
Philippine Peso (1,000)	50.00	50.00
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" " "	Operation and maintenance of swimming pools	500		July 8
Department of Education, Wadi Al-Dawasser	Supply of Youth Welfare requirements			June 14
Municipality of Buraidah	Transportation of drinking water through tankers	Free		June 28
Department of Education, Supervision, Onaizah	Supply of sports and scouting uniforms and raw materials for technical education			June 25
Directorate of the National Guard, Riyadh	Construction of warehouses for the Signal Corps in Khamish Al-Aan	48-99/400	600	June 7
" " "	Construction of Guard centers in Ain Dar, Shadqam and Abjeiq	49-99/400	250	June 9

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8.	Char Loong	Abdalla	Contra/Gen./Steel	23.5.80
13.	Hijaz	Kanoo	Gen./Steel	
16.	Mercantian Exporter 2	Ori	Timber/Cnt	31.5.80
18.	Ionian Carrier	Rolaco	Contra/Ro Units	1.6.80
19.	Torm Helvig	Alsabah	Bulk Cement	1.6.80
24.	Papagayo Universal	Star	Bulk Cement	2.6.80
39N	Susanne Vinnen	Fayez	Reefer	31.5.80
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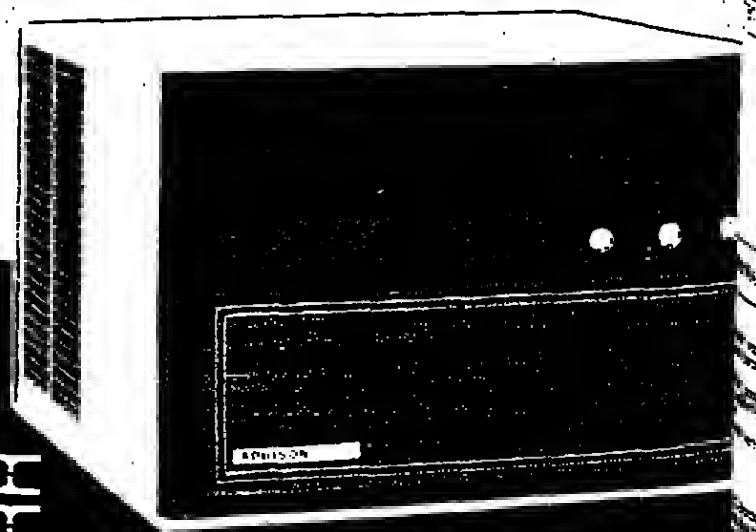
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	Vancouver Forest	Medco	Containers	1.6.80
	Doma T	O.C.E.	Reefer	1.6.80
	Khuzdnik Porokov	A.E.T.	Containers	1.6.80
	Imperia	Star	Reefer	1.6.80
	Dromon	Sadak	Steel/Tiles/Gen.	1.6.80
	Espresso Piemonte	Kanoo	Ro Ro Units	1.6.80
	Mercantian Exporter 2	Ori	Contra/General	1.6.80
	Despina K	Star	Timber/Wire Netting	2.6.80
	Torm Helvig	Alsabah	Bulk Cement	2.6.80

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11.	Melita	U.E.P.	Gen/Fice	31.5.80
12.	Asia Serenity	U.E.P.	General	2.6.80
14.	Emma Methenits	Alsaada	General	30.5.80
20.	Silver Shalton	U.E.P.	Cement in Bags	31.5.80
21.	Eastern Wave (D.B.)	Alireza	Bulk Cement	29.5.80
28.	Regent Fuar	Kanoo	Steel/Pipes	31.5.80
31.	Ibn Al Beitar	Kanoo	General	30.5.80
33.	Wakatake Maru	Alireza	General	1.6.80
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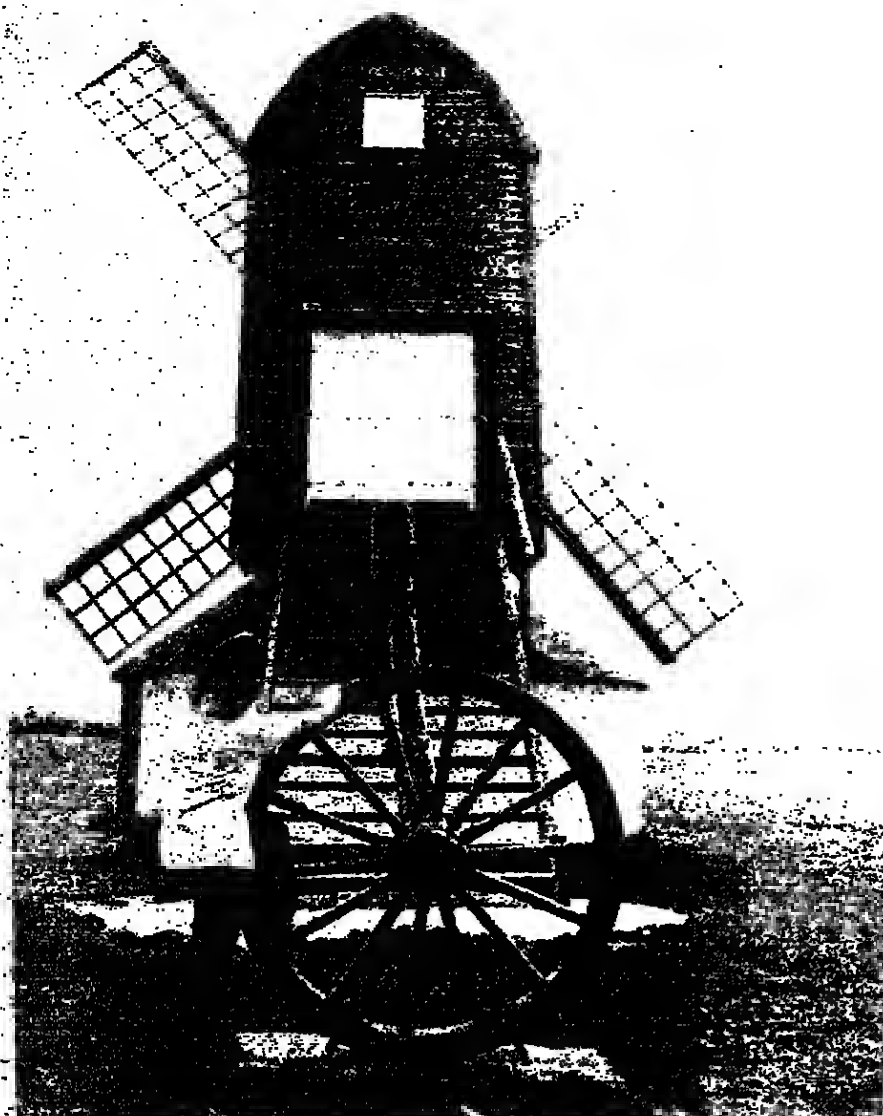






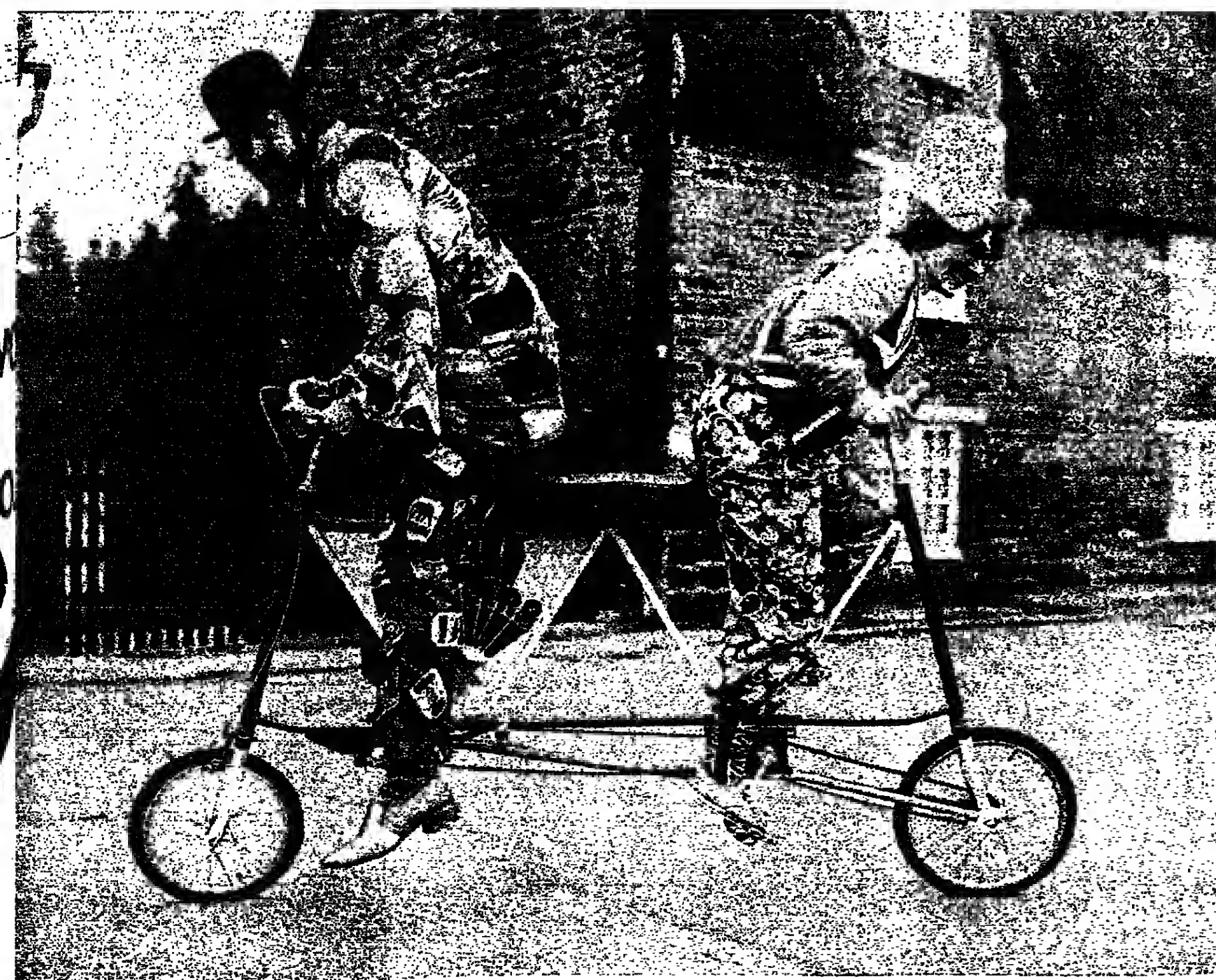
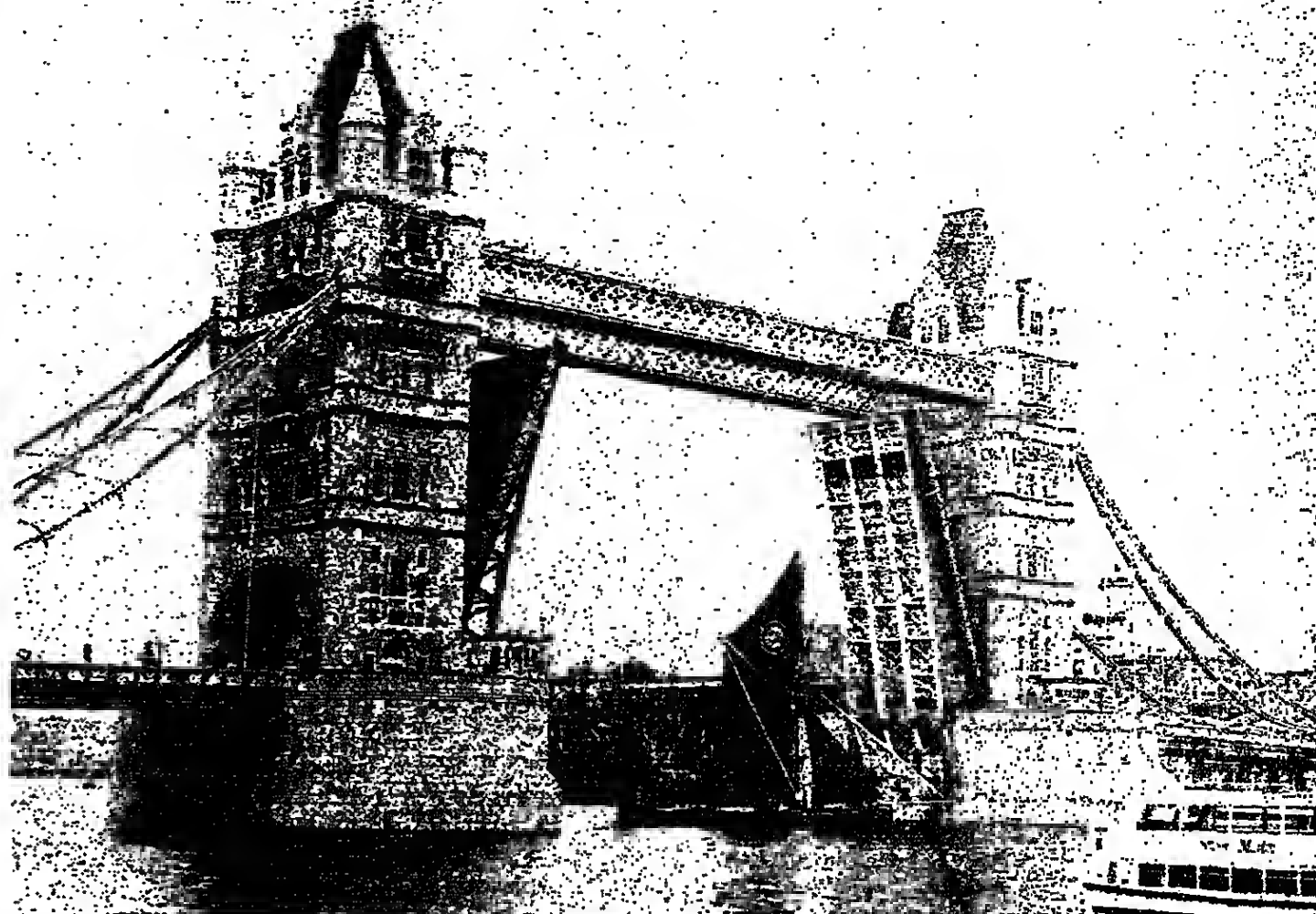
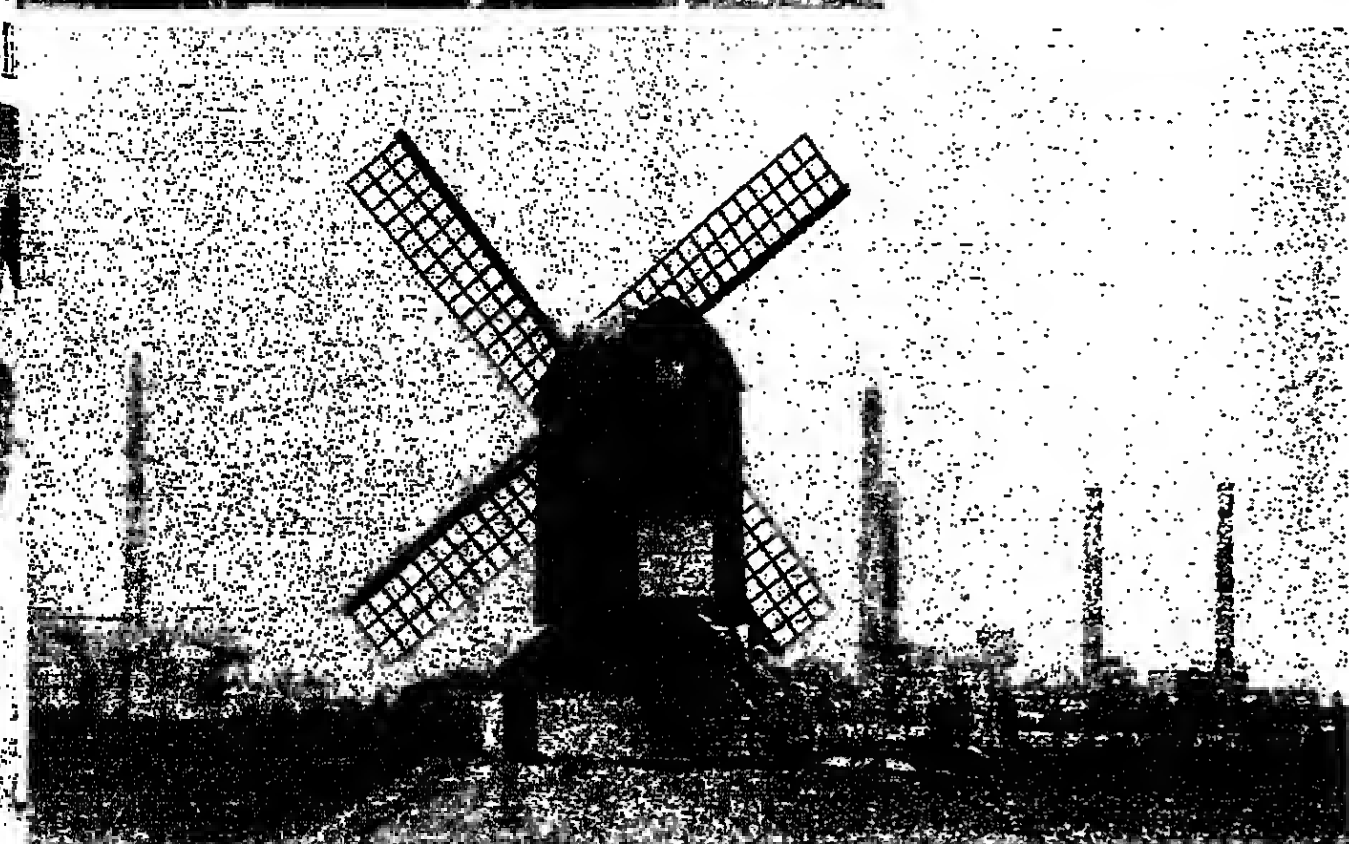
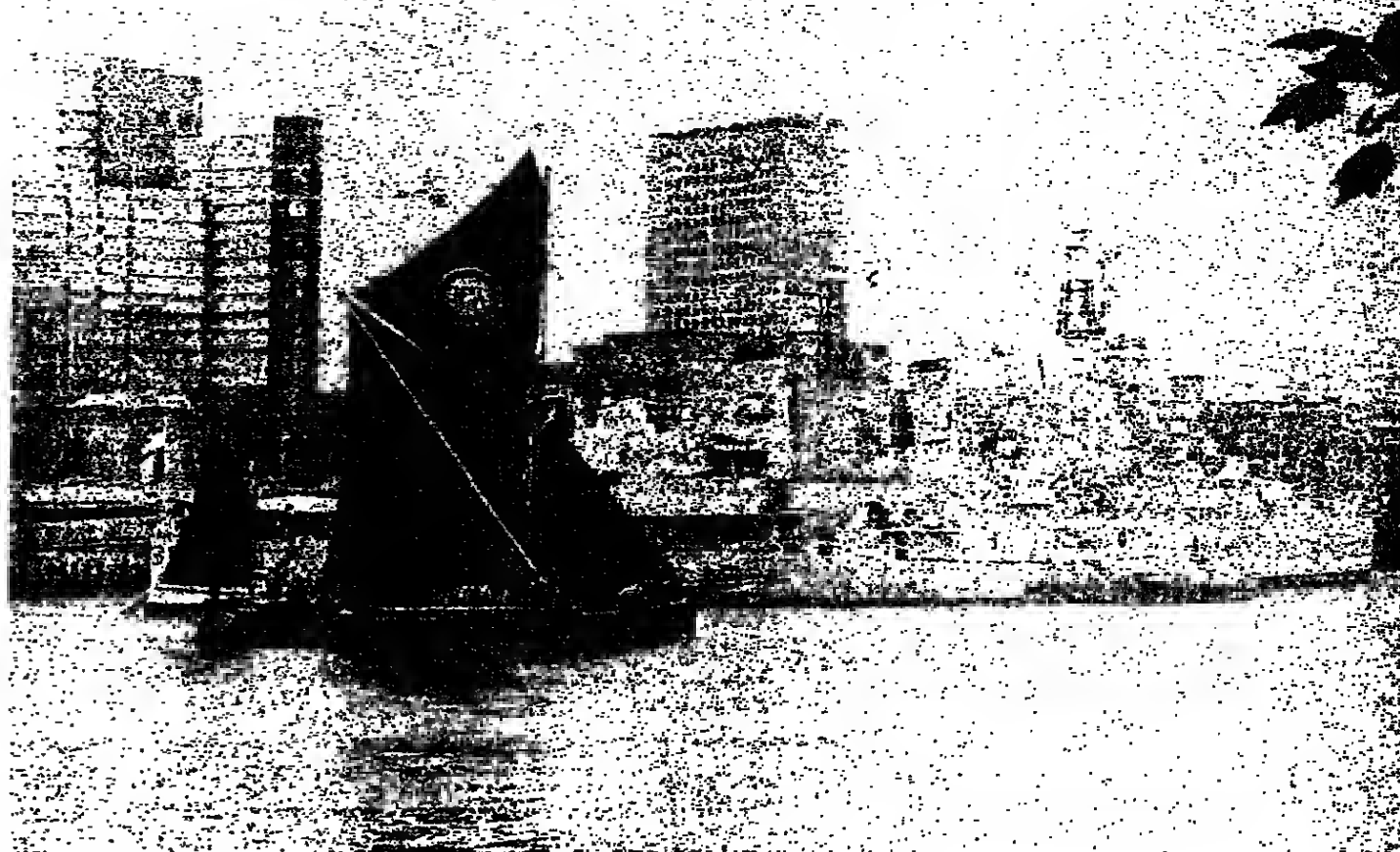


## Seeing the sights



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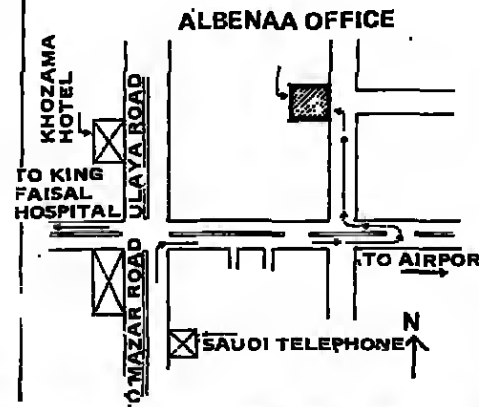
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International

## 'Crimes of America' conference

# U.S. rescue 'lawless' -- Clark

TEHRAN, June 2 (AP) — Iranian President Abolbassan Bani-Sadr opened a "Crimes of America" conference Monday with a tirade against America, and former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark, one of the participants, condemned the aborted U.S. mission to rescue the hostages as "lawless and contrary to constitutional government."

"It is inconceivable that constitutional government could ever delegate to a single person — president or prime minister — the power to risk killing many people half a world away in a foreign country," Clark said of President Jimmy Carter's attempt to rescue the 53 American hostages April 25. Eight of the servicemen in the mission were killed when two aircraft collided.

"I hope that the conference and our participation in it can secure the early release of the hostages which I think is an important human concern for all people," said Clark, who arrived in Tehran with nine other Americans in defiance of a Justice Department ban. He spoke in an interview with a Western reporter as the hostages spent their 212th day of captivity.

Bani-Sadr, in his opening remarks to the conference, said Iran was virtually governed by Washington and the Defense Department for years and urged condemnation of U.S. efforts in his country.



President Bani-Sadr

He attacked colonialism and said many countries have been faced with a "conspiracy of superpowers bargaining over their destinies." He said the superpowers have carved out spheres of influence and that Iran was trying to break out of this mold.

In a message to the four-day conference Ayatollah Khomeini called on delegates to "condemn the (U.S.) oppressors." Most

world governments "support the oppressor against the oppressed but we expect from you justice and good faith," Khomeini said.

He said the Iranian government would produce evidence showing American intervention in Iranian affairs and the alleged crimes of the deposed Shah and his father, Reza Shah.

Some 100 non-governmental delegations from 50 countries are attending the conference, called by Bani-Sadr. Delegates include representatives of the ruling political parties of Syria, Algeria and Libya, and several Third World guerrilla movements. Tehran sources said.

On Friday, U.S. Attorney General Benjamin Civiletti issued a statement saying he had received reports that some Americans were planning trips to Iran.

"I want to remind the American public that the rules restricting travel to Iran are still in effect. Persons who violate these rules are subject to penalties of up to 10 years in prison and fines of up to \$50,000 under the international emergency economic powers act," Civiletti said.

U.S. State Department spokesman said the group would not have received approval for the trip because "we believe that U.S. government authorization for travel to Iran could be misconstrued as acceptance of the stated premise of the conference — that the U.S. committed aggression against Iran."

## Thai king has 12 already

# New white elephant a mixed blessing

BANGKOK, June 2 (LAT) — White elephants are a symbol of good fortune in Thailand, and by law they automatically become the property of the king. So the recent discovery of a year-old white elephant was expected to be an occasion for rejoicing in the royal household. However, the news was received with some restraint.

King Bhumibol Adulyadej apparently is up to here in white elephants — so much so that they threaten to become "white elephants." The king already has an even dozen white elephants, and more is not necessarily better in these days of thundering inflation.

The care and feeding of the royal elephants is no small matter, says Sawej Thanapradit, 74, the elephant expert who has served the royal family for 50 years.

Inflation has pushed the cost of care up to \$5,000 a month, he said, and while the

elephants are not exactly eating the king out of house and home, they do consume three truckloads of grass daily in addition to vast quantities of bananas, sweet potatoes and sugar cane. It takes a staff of 10 to look after the royal herd.

Not so many years ago, the royal court used to send a portraitist to paint a newly discovered white elephant so the king could have a look at him — or her — and decide whether the animal was suitable for the royal herd. Today, as an economy measure, a color photograph will do.

Although described as a perfect specimen, the newly discovered white elephant is certain to undergo rigorous scrutiny before being accepted. There are, it seems, three grades of white elephants: the pre-eminent, or No. 1, white elephant, the "Unique" and the merely rare.

The newly found white elephant is said to possess the physical characteristics that put him in the top class, including white eyes, white palate, white nails, white hair, white skin and white tail hair.

Elephants have a long and honorable history in Thailand. Warrior elephants, the tanks of their day, once saved the Thai Kingdom from invading Burmese. But white elephants have never been trained as fighters. Instead, because of their rarity, they are considered August omens of peace and prosperity. Actually, of course, they are albinos.

There is a Thai proverb that says that to know a woman you must look at her mother, to know an elephant you must look at its tail. Precisely what an elephant's tail proves is somewhat lost in translation, but it helps if the tail is long, especially if it is a white elephant seeking admission to the royal circle.

# Wildlife experts unite to save giant panda

PEKING, June 2 (WP) — An international rescue mission has agreed to set up special breeding grounds for giant pandas in mountainous southwest China to study the world-renowned but endangered animal and possibly mass-produce a new generation.

Peter Scott, founder of the World Wildlife Fund, who has just returned from a rare visit to the pandas' natural habitat, said Chinese and foreign scientists plan to stock the project by capturing young pandas or using female pandas to lure adult male pandas. They want to find ways to accelerate the creatures' leisurely and indifferent mating habits before they become extinct.

More than 10 per cent of all giant pandas were killed in 1975 and 1976 by starvation or earthquake, the Chinese disclosed recently, a considerable blow to a panda population now

estimated at only a thousand animals, most of them in 10 southwest China reserves. Scott said Chinese in the area fear that shortages of arrow bamboo, because of its once-a-century blooming and its natural death, which starved the pandas in some reserves, could spread to others.

The unusual speed with which Peking has approved the project indicates the great urgency it attaches to the rescue effort.

Scott said the project, to be funded by China and the World Wildlife Fund, hopes to gather about 14 pandas in special pens in the Wolong Reserve and experiment with hormonal drugs and breeding cycle techniques that might increase their fertility.

"The practical value of breeding pandas on a production line would be a good thing for the pandas, a good thing for conservation, a

good thing for the World Wildlife Fund, which uses the panda as its symbol, and a good thing for the Chinese."

Peking has won much international good will by donating the bearlike, white-and-black spotted creatures to foreign zoos, including the National Zoo in Washington. Despite matchmaking by zokeepers, however, no pandas in foreign captivity have ever reproduced.

George B. Schaller, conservation director of the New York zoological society and the principal foreign scientist on the panda project, and World Wildlife Fund liaison officer Nancy Nash have just returned from an expedition to the Wolong Reserve in Sichuan province. They were the first foreigners allowed to visit the area since 1949. The group found no wild pandas during five days of hikes through their natural grounds.

## Military planes used in traffic of illegal drugs

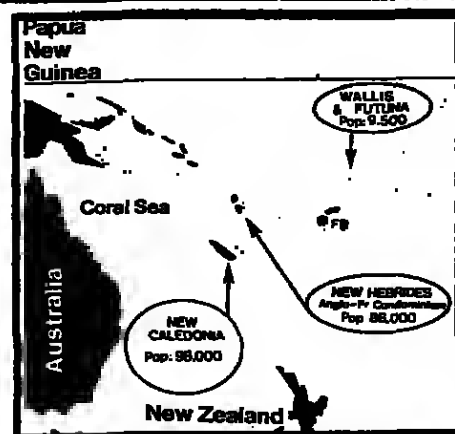
WASHINGTON, June 2 (LAT) — The Department of Defense has suspended its sales of surplus military aircraft pending an investigation into their use in drug traffic operations. The decision was made last week after it was found that many old cargo planes had been used for large-scale smuggling of cocaine, marijuana and quaaludes from Colombia, primary supplier of these substances to the United States.

The Davis-Monthan air base in Arizona, known as "The Boneyard", has become the nation's single biggest source of large-load cargo planes for drug smuggling. The U.S. Customs Service has identified 127 old military planes being used in drug trafficking.

The planes — DC-3s, DC-6s, Convair 240s and 440s — are loaded with multimillion-dollar cargoes of drugs on remote air strips in Colombia's Guajira Peninsula. From there, they fly non-stop to U.S. coastal areas, sweep low under spotty radar defenses, and touch down at improvised runways or at inland airports.

The customs service has urged a halt to the surplus plane sales as part of a broad, stepped-up campaign against airborne drug smuggling, which the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration estimates accounts for about 30 per cent of the Colombian drug traffic.

The customs service has also proposed that the Federal Aviation Administration impose tight, new controls on border area airplane operations, such as those used around the nation's most congested airports.



New Hebrides: Turmoil on Australia's doorstep

# Boats rescue hundreds from New Hebrides

VILA, New Hebrides, June 2 (R) — Boats Monday helped to evacuate 1,000 refugees, including about 100 foreigners, from the rebel-held island of Espiritu Santo as New Hebridean authorities discussed a military operation to seize the island.

A government official said the United Nations had been approached to provide a military unit to take the island by force after the evacuation was complete, and if the rebels did not surrender. About 800 plantation workers armed with bows and arrows took over government installations on the island last Wednesday. They are backed by 50 French-speaking Europeans with rifles and shotguns.

The New Hebrides are ruled jointly by Britain and France, and the two countries were due to discuss the situation in Paris Monday. The South Pacific island chain becomes an independent nation on July 30.

The chief minister and prime minister-elect is Father Walter Lini, whose party defeated French-speaking separatist factions in elections last October. Monday his private secretary Peter Kuaikoto, told reporters: "There is still no sign of the opposition leaders deciding to surrender, and evacuations will continue until such time as it becomes necessary for the government to move in with force to take over Santo again."

"If the rebels do not want to negotiate or surrender, the government has approached the United Nations for a military unit with military advisers, and forces will move in and take over the island by force," he said.

Four inter-island trading vessels are transferring refugees from Espiritu Santo to the island of Malekula, some 190 miles to the south.

Among those waiting to be evacuated were local islanders, Australians, New Zealanders and Britons. Some have already reached Malekula, but the evacuation could take until Tuesday, according to Kuaikoto.

# Chun quits Korea CIA directorship

SEOUL, June 2 (AP) — Lt. Gen. Chun Doo-Hwan resigned as acting director of the Korean Central Intelligence Agency on Monday, but the move is not expected to diminish his power as South Korea's top military man.

An official announcement said Chun, 48, submitted his resignation to civilian President Choi Kyu-Hah, who was expected to approve it routinely. Chun retains two other positions — commander of defense security, the top military intelligence post, and a chairmanship of a "standing committee" that will make most key decisions for the junta-like, 25-member council created on Saturday to run government affairs.

All but eight members of the council are generals or retired generals, which diplomatic observers say gives South Korea's military near-total control of the government.

Chun's surprise resignation from the KCIA post, to which he had been appointed April 14, came as the martial law command issued a detailed report on the anti-government rebellion in the southern city of Kwangju that ended a week ago. The report said among other things that while 80 per cent of the guns seized by the student-led rebels in Kwangju had been recovered, more than 1,000 weapons and more than 86,000 rounds of ammunition are still unaccounted for.

The martial law command said about 1,000 boxes of explosives and some hand grenades also have not been found in the cleanup of the provincial capital held by the insurgents during their nine-day struggle.

Government officials have not said whether they are seeking any particular individuals as riot suspects in addition to 730 now held. There have been unconfirmed reports that some student rebels escaped from the city before it was recaptured by paratroopers last Tuesday, possibly taking weapons with them.

Chun's resignation from the KCIA post, while not expected to reduce his real power in the military-dominated hierarchy, could remove one point of friction that helped to spawn nation-wide university campus demonstrations last month.

## Seoul closes Kyodo

SEOUL, June 2 (R) — The South Korean Information Ministry Monday ordered the Japanese news agency Kyodo to stop operation in the country. A ministry spokesman said the closure order was made because Kyodo manager and correspondent Kenichiro Kayashii, 33, had been "maliciously twisting facts and issuing false reports" about South Korea.

# Good Morning

By Jihad Khazen

I talked before of "sources" — especially that "well-informed source" in Hotel St. Georges in Beirut (before he was blown to smithereens). Some mo on the subject now.

We didn't realize when we opened a shop here in London that one of the tasks would be to act as "sources" for o. British (and then German, Dutch, French, etc.) colleagues. After all, their line reasoning must have been, why send someone all the way to Beirut, Bahrain, Jeddah to get the news from the horse mouth when a perfectly adequate horse so to speak, is grazing peacefully right u. door.

As the news from the Middle East became more and more dramatic, we found our time increasingly occupied with being "sources." Soon we got hang of it. Punditry is a most enjoyable vice, and gradually one finds oneself giving out stranger and stranger theories every subject under the sun. Power with out responsibility, and all the more enjoyable for being sham power in any case.

Our success in this field has been such that we progressed in almost no time from being a bumble "source" to "an informed source" to a "well-informed source." Finally, the bumpy day dawned when we appeared hidden under the ornate and cumbersome cloak of "an Arab source close to Saudi circles." That, ladies gentlemen, is arrival. That's where it's a Never mind that it was news for the "circles concerned."

Back in Beirut in 1973, during and the aftermath of the war against Israel, we found ourselves surrounded by foreign colleagues who wanted the task eased by using Arab journalists as sources. Since all of us were too busy chasing the same stories, and saw no point in offering them on a plate to rivals, we appointed a chap who worked in a non-journalistic capacity with us as a permanently-available source. He did such a great job of it that soon the word press resounded with his views.

We thought this a great joke and wrote about to broadcast it when, to our horror, these same stories began to filter back to the Arab press. Some of the colleagues who were not in on the joke saw no reason to doubt the words of the major papers in the West. Silence, we thought, was the best policy until the whole thing blew over.

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